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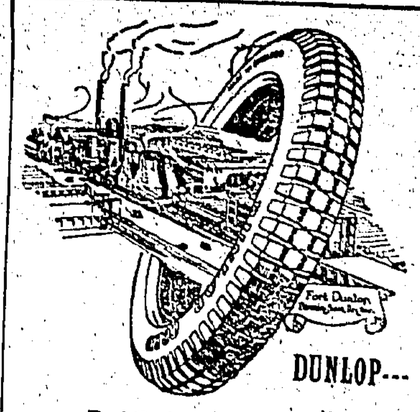

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AUSTRALIANS OUT TO WIN.

WARM WELCOMES TO THE TEAM.

WOODFULL NEATLY BOWLED AT LORDS.

McCABE'S ILLNESS.

London, Apr. 24.

The members of the Australian cricket team who arrived in London yesterday were officially welcomed at Australia House to-day by the High Commissioner for Australia. Many Australian residents in London were invited and past and present English cricket was represented by Mr. Warner and Mr. Chapman, who captained the last English team which toured Australia.

London was represented by the Lord Mayor, Sir William Waterlow, the King's third son, the Duke of Gloucester, Lord Plumer, President of the Marylebone Cricket Club, Lord Harris and others.

Representatives of all branches of sport were present at a luncheon given in honour of the Australians at the Savoy Hotel by the British Sportsmen's Club, when the visiting team received a message from His Majesty the King offering them a hearty welcome.

One Player Ill.

Lord Decies, in a telegram welcoming the Australians, said:—"I am glad my son is present on this occasion which, I trust, may be a happy beginning of an enjoyable tour."

Lord Plumer presided at the gathering and Lord Harris, greeting the visitors on behalf of English cricket, mentioned that everyone was looking forward to seeing the young side in action

McCabe, the "baby" of the Australian team, was absent owing to a sudden attack of enteritis. He is at present confined to his bed but it is expected that he will be fit in a day or two.

First Wicket Falls.

Before the luncheon, Mr. W. L. Kelly, the manager of the team, emphasised that the men were going out to win every match.

Woodfull, the captain, paid a tribute to the Imperial value of cricket and said the Australians would endeavour to play to the highest traditions of the game.

Later, the team went to Lords for practice. There was an amusing incident when Woodfull, the "unbowlable," had his off stump knocked out by Fairfax, this being the first Australian wicket to fall in England during the present tour.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

Time Limit Extension.

No member of the Australian's eleven is allowed to give interviews to the Press and this, in conjunction with their teetotalism, has earned for them the apt description of being "tongue-tied tea-drinkers."

The manager, Mr. W. L. Kelly, is the only one authorised to make statements, and he is quietly confident of the successful prospects of his proteges. Interviewed on the journey he was very hopeful of the younger members of the team shaping well in England. He thought that the extension of the time limit for Test matches from three to four days would result in most, or all, of the matches being played to a decision, and he did not think that the change from the eight-ball over to the six-ball over would have any effect on the Australian bowlers who would be new to England.

He mentioned that Oldfield had quite recovered from the blow on the head he had received from a full-toss from Fairfax when playing in the last match against Tasmania. Jackson, the youthful batting marvel, who was operated on for tonsilitis three weeks before the team left Sydney, was getting on well and was expected to be thoroughly fit before the tourists arrived in England.

BREMEN COLLIDES WITH TANKER.

MEN INJURED ON BOARD A BRITISH SHIP.

LINER NOT DAMAGED.

London, Apr. 24.

The famous German liner Bremen, which on her maiden trip broke the Atlantic speed record only to have it lowered by her sister ship, the Europe, a few weeks ago, to-day came into collision with a British vessel.

The German liner, of 46,500 tons, was off Dungeness when she collided with a small British tanker of 7,000 tons, the British Grenadier.

The mishap occurred in dense fog, but fortunately there were no serious results. The Bremen was not damaged, but she sent out a wireless message to the shore stating that she had collided with a tanker, the name of which was unknown, and that the latter ship might need assistance.

The British Grenadier sent out a wireless message, however, stating that although two of her tanks were leaking she did not require assistance.

It was then revealed that the collision had resulted in injuries on board as the vessel stated she was proceeding to Deal to land the injured who required immediate medical attention. No details of the injured are yet available.

The Bremen was outward bound from Bremenhaven at the time of the accident. She reached Southampton this evening having been delayed by fog.—*British Wireless.*

The British Grenadier, built eight years ago, is owned by the British Tanker Company and is registered in London.

CANTON- KOWLOON RAILWAY.

EXTRA TRAINS FOR THE WEEK-ENDS.

Canton, Apr. 24.

It is notified that in view of the heavy passenger traffic at week-ends on the Canton-Kowloon Railways, the Railway Administration has made arrangements to duplicate the present express service between Canton and Kowloon.

On Saturdays and Sundays, a special train will leave Kowloon at 8.44 a.m. in addition to the usual express leaving at 8 a.m.

From Canton, a special train will leave the Tai Sha Tau station for Kowloon at 2.45 p.m., that is twenty-five minutes before the ordinary express which leaves at 3.20 p.m.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

AN AUSTRALIAN BORN GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

PROPOSAL AROUSES STRONG HOSTILITY.

Melbourne, Apr. 24.

The Labour Government's proposal to appoint the septuagenarian Chief Justice, Sir Isaac Isaacs, as first Australian born Governor-General has aroused strong hostility.

Mr. Latham, leader of the Federal Opposition, said the present Federal Ministers never had any enthusiasm for the Empire and no substantial body of opinion desired a change which would sever an important link with what the great majority of Australians were still proud to call the Mother Country.—*Reuter.*

PETROL PRICE WAR IN FAR EAST.

ENDED BY AN INCREASE IN PRICES.

New York, Apr. 24.

It is reported that the price war in the Far East between the Royal Dutch and the Standard Oil Company of New York has been settled with an advance in prices of a hundred per cent.

Petrol and kerosene have been advanced eight cents a gallon, thus placing both prices in the Dutch East Indies and in the Orient on a level equivalent to those obtaining in the United States, plus transportation charges.—*Reuter.*

INDIA ASSEMBLY SPEAKER.

RESIGNATION OF MR. V. J. PATEL.

OBJECTION TO TREATMENT OF PRISONERS.

HANDED TO VICEROY.

Simla, Apr. 24.

Vithalbhai Javerbhai Patel, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, has tendered his resignation to Lord Irwin, the Viceroy of India, owing to a disagreement with the Government of India over the treatment of Indian political prisoners, it is believed.—*Reuter.*

Mr. Patel has been, as a politician, very far from moderate in his nationalism and since he was called to the Chair of the Assembly he can hardly be said to have regulated its proceedings in complete forgetfulness of his old attitude towards the Government of India.

On the contrary, he has on a number of occasions, by the exercise of his powers, come to the assistance of his former political associates in the Assembly. His passages at arms with the Government have been frequent and one of the sharpest occurred early this year when he ordered the closing of all the Galleries in the Assembly, excepting the Press Gallery, because the Government sought to ensure greater safety of the members by stationing policemen in uniform in the Stranger's Gallery, from which bombs were hurled into the House last year.

Refusal to Resign.

Considerable interest was aroused recently in his refusal to resign despite the proclamation by the All-India National Congress of a complete boycott of the Central and Provincial Legislatures.

Mr. Patel was then convinced that it was his duty to remain. He set forth his reasons at some length and his fellow members, both European and Indian, had no difficulty in finding explantions for a decision which they had clearly foreseen.

It has always been evident that Mr. Patel rejoiced in his position, for it afforded to the occupant endless opportunities of asserting an attitude of protest and independence which, undoubtedly he has sincerely at heart.

His former attitude on the resignation question was that he had ceased to be a party man, but since he succeeded Sir Frederick Whyte in the Chair in 1925, Mr. Patel has been a thorn in the side of the Government, has given rulings which had the effect of wrecking important Government legislation and has manufactured occasions for sharp disagreement with the Government.

Devotion to Assembly.

It is unquestionably a remarkable fact that a politican who, as an embittered Swarajist, rejected and ridiculed reforms on their introduction, and entered the Assembly with the avowed purpose of destroying it from within, should have become so devoted to that body as to prefer the occupancy of the chair to the acceptance of the policy of his former associates. At least this was true early this year when he refused to resign.

Mr. Patel is a close student of the procedure of Parliament and three years ago he paid a long visit to London with a view to improving his knowledge of the subject. He attended sittings of the House of Commons and had a number of talks with the Speak. He also visited the Irish Northern and Southern Parliaments, returning to India in August 1927 for the opening of the Legislative Assembly.

PRINCE'S HOMEWARD FLIGHT.

FRENCH ESCORT PART OF THE WAY.

London, Apr. 24.

The Prince of Wales will be escorted during part of his homeward flight over France tomorrow by French planes in command of Captain Le Mar, which will accompany the machine as far as the three mile-limit in French waters and then return to Calais.—*British Wireless.*

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

LINKING UP KOWLOON WITH EUROPE.

CONTRACT AWARDED.

Canton, Apr. 24.

It is reported that the contract for the completion of the Yuet Han Railway has been awarded to the Hop Hing-lung firm.

No details of the contract, which apparently has not yet been definitely signed, have been published. Mr. Cheuk Hon-shing, the Engineer-in-Chief of the Railway, merely states that the tender of the Hop Hing-lung firm has been accepted.

The completion of this line has been spoken of for the last fifteen years. In conjunction with the building of a loop line round Canton from the Tai Sha Tau terminus of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, to the Wang Sha terminus of the Yuet Han Railway, this would bring Hongkong in direct communication with Hankow, and, via Hankow, Mukden, Harbin and Manchuli, it would be possible to establish direct railway communication from Kowloon to Europe via the Trans-Siberian Railway.

In order to connect up the unfinished part of the railway, it will be necessary to lay some 250 miles of track through difficult country which will necessitate the construction of a number of tunnels and bridges. The uncompleted part extends from Shiukwan in Kwangtung to Chiuchow in Hunan.

The completion of the railway would bring Hongkong within twenty hours of Hankow, instead of the present eight to ten days via Shanghai and the Yangtsze river steamers.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

JAPANESE RAILWAY DISASTER.

Many Passengers Believed to be Injured.

EXPRESS DERAILED.

Osaka, Apr. 25.

An express train, carrying second and third class passengers from Kyoto, was derailed at 6.50 a.m. to-day at Ishiyama, by Lake Biwa, near Kyoto. Details of the accident are lacking at present, but it is believed that there is a large number of casualties.—*Reuter.*

U.S. MAIL CONTRACTS.

HUGE SUM TO BE SPENT IN SHIPBUILDING.

Washington, Apr. 24.

Three ocean mail contracts, for operation between New York and Europe, have been signed with the United States Lines.

The contracts entail an expenditure of £15,600,000 on American shipbuilding.

The New York Southampton mail contract provides for the construction of at least two 45,000-ton vessels, with speed of 28 knots, costing £6,000,000 each.—*Reuter's American Service.*

AMERICAN PRISON DISASTER.

CONVICTS WANT GOVERNOR DISMISSED.

Columbus, Apr. 24.

Over half the prisoners in the Penitentiary here have demonstrated against the Governor, following the recent fire disaster, and have threatened to revolt unless he is removed from his post.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MORE RAIN.

The Royal Observatory reports that the depression has moved to the east of Korea. Another is shown over Tongking. The local forecast is:—Variable to east winds, moderate; generally overcast; rain.

TEN STEAMERS SEIZED.

TO TAKE TROOPS UP TO HANKOW.

NATIONALISTS PREPARING FOR COMING WAR.

KWANGSI HOPES.

Shanghai, Apr. 24.

With the intention of concentrating further strong Nationalist forces along the Peking-Hankow Railway, the Government has commandeered ten steamers belonging to the China Merchant Steam Navigation Company and other Chinese companies here for the transportation of troops to Hankow and Wuchang. It is anticipated that all the steamers will leave here some time this week-end.

The Nationalist general offensive against the Kuominchun-Shansi allies along the Peking-Hankow Railway will be started shortly after the steamers arrive at Hankow.

Chiang Arrives.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and his suite arrived at Hankow today at 1 a.m. by gunboat. They were welcomed by a large number of Nationalist military officers who returned from the Hupeh frontier in order to participate in a big military conclave with Marshal Chiang.

It is estimated that well over 100,000 Nationalist troops are concentrated between Hsiangyang and Hankow.

Observers of the situation predict that the strong Nationalist fortifications between Hsiangyang and Hankow, on the Peking-Hankow Railway, and the Nanking defences erected between Hsuchow and Nanking, along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, will mean a severe test for the advancing Shansi-Kuominchun forces.

Nationalist Advantages.

In some quarters, the reliability of the arms and ammunition of the Shansi-Kuominchun army is doubted, and the consensus of opinion is that with German military advisers in its Army and with better military equipment and arms at their disposal, the Nationalist leaders should be confident of success in the coming war.

On account of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's absence and as a precaution against possible uprising by reactionaries, the Garrison authorities at Nanking have enforced martial law in the evening, placing strong guards round the military headquarters and important Government offices and prohibiting all pedestrians from passing the approaches to these headquarters.

Rebels' Tactics.

The Shansi-Kuominchun allies are content at present with the defensive measures along the Lung-Hai Railway, concentrating a strong army on the northern bank of the Yellow River as a precaution against any possible advance by the Nationalist troops under General Han Fu-chu.

The Shansi forces will endeavour their best to preserve Peking and Tientsin.

Kwangsi Overtures.

Negotiations are taking place between the Kwangsi Party, now fighting with the Cantonese in Kwangsi, and the Shansi-Kuominchun Commanders for an alliance. In this connexion it is understood that a representative of General Li Chung-yen, of the Kwangsi Party, has arrived at Shanghai to persuade General Hsu Sung-chi (a Kuomintang militarist known for his support of the Western Hill Clique) to return to Kwangsi and assume the command of the Kwangsi-Ironside troops.

General Li Chung-yen is contemplating leading his forces into Hunan to attack the Nationalist forces at Hankow and Wuchang. The alliance, if it materialises, will certainly have an important bearing upon the situation in South China.

SHANGHAI TRAM SERVICE.

PARTIALLY CRIPPLED BY A STRIKE.

BUSMEN STILL OUT.

Shanghai, Apr. 25.

The tramway service in the eastern district of the International Settlement was crippled by a partial strike of workers this morning.

The strike is believed to be the result of propaganda by agitators who were prominent in labour disputes during 1925 and 1927.

No demands have yet been made by the strikers to the Company, which recently granted a monthly rice allowance of $2 in order to meet the high cost of living.

The bus strike began on the 19th instant, when 240 drivers walked out after making a demand for higher wages. When the strike occurred, the China General Omnibus Company informed the strikers that if they did not return to work the next day, they would be dismissed and a skeleton service be maintained with inspectors and others as drivers.—*Reuter.*

FATAL FALL FROM A LORRY.

JUMP COSTS A CHINESE HIS LIFE.

Two motor lorry accidents, one attended by fatal results, were reported to the Police this morning.

Fung Fook, driver of motor lorry 2495, states that as he was driving his vehicle near Jackson Road yesterday morning, a man named Kwung Tung jumped from the lorry whilst it was in motion and fell heavily. He sustained injuries to the head to which he succumbed in hospital shortly afterwards.

The second accident occurred at West Point, where Lai Yick, a coolie aged 28, was riding on lorry No. 2519 in Connaught Road Central, near the China Merchant's Wharf, when the driver swerved to avoid a coolie carrying rice. Lai Yick was thrown off, receiving injuries to the head. He was removed to the Hospital in an unconscious condition.

SAVAGE ATTACK BY AN AIREDALE.

MRS. F. C. MOW FUNG AND A GIRL BITTEN.

A ferocious attack by an Airedale dog on its mistress and a servant girl was attended with serious results when Mrs. F. C. Mow Fung, wife of Mr. F. C. Mow Fung of Grampian Farm, Kowloon, and a servant named Pang Mui, had to be taken to the Hospital suffering from severe bites to the face.

Mr. Mow Fung states that the dog, a black and white Airedale, suddenly ran amok, and without any warning sprang at his wife, biting her several times on the face and head. The dog then attacked the servant girl, Pang Mui, inflicting similar wounds.

The dog has been sent to Kennedy Town for observation, and the two injured women are still in hospital receiving treatment.

REVERSE TO DAVIS CUP HOPES.

AUSTIN LOSES IN A STERN GAME WITH LANDMAN.

London, Apr. 24.

Britain's Davis Cup hopes had an unexpected reverse in the opening match against Germany to-day at the Queen's Club when Landman beat Austin 6-3, 8-6, 5-7, 4-6, 6-4. Landman and Austin played for two and a half hours, the battle being of the sternest description.

Another Davis Cup match was not completed, there being no further play when Preenn was leading Lee by 6-4, 7-9, 6-3.—*Reuter.*

EXPLORER'S DEATH.

Berlin, Apr. 25.

The death is announced of the Central Asiatic explorer, Professor Albert von Lecoq.—*Reuter.*

SILVER SLUMP EFFECTS.

HONGKONG DOLLAR IMPORTS.

VIEWED WITH APPREHENSION IN LONDON.

BANKERS' SPEECHES.

Interesting references to the silver slump and to its effect on the trade of Hongkong were made at the annual meetings, held in London recently, of the Mercantile Bank of India and the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

Mr. J. M. Ryrie, presiding at the annual meeting of the Mercantile Bank, reviewed the Bank's operations in various parts of the world. Dealing with China and Hongkong, he said:—If, in referring to China, I say it is very difficult to understand or follow the constantly changing political situation, I know you will not express surprise. But from the information at my disposal it seems clear that, in spite of Civil War, indifferent transport facilities, increased taxation and predations by bandits, there was a further improvement in trade last year, the very increase in the receipts of the Maritime Customs giving evidence of this, though of course much of this increase is due to higher tariffs and probably to anticipation of these coming into force.

Piece Goods Decrease.

At the same time I find that the shipments of cotton piece goods from the United Kingdom to China and Hongkong last year decreased in both quantity and value when compared with 1928, the value falling from £6,450,000 to £6,170,000, this no doubt being due to Japanese competition.

The fall in silver, however, from 26¾d., the averge price in 1928, to 24 7/16d., the average price last year, with the consequent decline of the Shanghai tael from an average rate of 2s. 7⅝d. to 2s. 4½d., and the decline in the average rate of the Hongkong dollar from 2s. 0¾d. to 1s. 10 11/16d., was not helpful to Manchester shippers, while the further fall in silver this year to a record low level must be making business with China and Hongkong very difficult.

Hongkong Coin Imports.

Arising from the decline in the value of silver the notes issued by the banks in Hongkong rose to such a premium on silver dollars that the export trade of that Colony was handicapped in competition with Shanghai, and to remedy this position the banks were asked to co-operate with the Government in bringing Hongkong dollar notes more on a parity with the silver dollar—that is—to re-establish exchange on a silver basis, and this has now been accomplished, one of the results being the coinage of a large number of silver dollars for shipment to Hongkong, which I regard with apprehension.

It will be interesting to see what action China takes to protect herself against this serious depreciation in the value of silver, particularly as she is now the most important market for the metal. At present there are various rumours as to this, one going so far as to say that the importation will be prohibited and another that, following the example of India, she will impose a duty upon imports of silver. In the meantime and from 1st February last import duties have been levied on a gold basis.

Dealing with the future, Mr. Ryrie said:—The trade of China will no doubt go on as in the past in spite of the many obstacles, but the heavy drop in silver, which I cannot but think is at least partly due to speculation, must add to the disorganisation in that country and necessitate an adjustment of prices generally.

Exchange Banking.

Sir Montagu Cornish Turner, presiding at the Chartered Bank meeting, referred to the difficulties under which exchange banking is now conducted in the East. He said:—There is the same extremely keen competition with rather less business and more competitors. It seems impossible to obtain a working agreement owing to the number of banks concerned and the diversity of interests. It is therefore not

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HUMOROUS RECORD SUCCESSES

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POSSIBLE INCREASE IN TAXES.

TO MEET CIVIL SERVANT SALARIES.

OFFICIAL DESPATCH.

There was yesterday issued to the Press by the Hongkong Government a Sessional Paper setting forth the correspondence which has passed this year between Hongkong and the Secretary of State for the Colonies on the subject of the Report of the Salaries Commission.

In a Despatch on January 22nd from Sir Cecil Clementi to the Secretary of State it was pointed out that the first rough estimate of the cost of revision showed a total increase of $1,300,000, but that as the exchange value of the dollar had declined "in the most startling manner," a detailed application of the proposed new scales to the existing staff raises the gross estimated increase at a 1/6d. dollar to $2,541,458. "Any revival in the value of silver will automatically result in a reduction of this sum."

In considering how far the Colony can meet the increased cost of the scheme without resort to additional taxation, the Despatch pointed out that the year 1929 ended with a surplus of $1,485,405, raising the Colony's assets to $9,577,038 as against the estimated figure of $7,712,265. As regards 1930 it was thought that the dollar would show some improvement in the course of the year, that savings would be effected, and that in the light of past experience recurrent revenue would exceed recurrent expenditure. His Excellency thought it would be advisable to make provision for an increased recurrent revenue of about $1,000,000.

"I have already under consideration a tax on petrol, which should bring in some $200,000, and the possibilities of an amusement tax and a tax on betting are being investigated." Stamp Duties and the taxes on liquor and tobacco were considered high enough, and there remained only the Assessment Tax, the present general rate of which is 13 per cent.—estimated to yield $4,250,000 in 1930. An increase of 4 per cent. would bring in about $1,500,000, of which $300,000 would have to be deducted for Military Contribution. His Excellency asked if it could be arranged that Military Contribution should not be charged on this additional revenue.

Finally, His Excellency asked for permission to lay the recommendations of the Commission, as modified by a schedule enclosed, before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, with a view to putting the scheme into effect as from January 1st., 1930.

A telegram from the Secretary of State on March 25th. approved of the scheme being submitted to the Council, but expressed surprise that the cost of living in Hongkong is higher now than in 1920. "I regret that I can see no grounds under existing arrangements for proposing that additional revenue should be relieved from assessment for Defence Contribution.... I agree to the proposals in your telegram of 14th. March that the exchange compensation scale should be extended down to exchange 1/6."

Full extracts from the correspondence will be found below:

Despatch of 22nd January, 1930, from the Governor to the Secretary of State:

2. I desire first to express my great indebtedness to the members of the Commission and in particular to the Chairman, Sir Henry Gollan, K.C., C.B.E., for the meticulous care with which they approached this intricate problem and for the very able report which they have presented as the result of their long and elaborate enquiries. Their recommendations cannot but prove of the utmost value in arranging for the just and equitable treatment of all officers of this Government in regard to their remuneration and other conditions of service.

3. As a first step copies of the Report were issued to the heads of all departments with an invitation to submit to the Colonial Secretary any representations they might wish to make regarding the awards to their respective staffs. This invitation produced a very large body of detailed criticism, in which nearly every branch of the Service participated. Every item in these representations was fully and carefully considered and a decision for or against modification of the Commission's awards was taken. The final recommendations of Government are embodied in the enclosed schedule of recommendations and observations. Apart from these, I would propose to adhere strictly to the Report.

4. At the same time copies of the Report were sent to the Labour Advisory Board with the request that it would furnish the Government with its views on the finding so far as they concerned those categories of employment which are embraced by the term "Labour". On the request of the Unofficial Members of the Executive Council copies were also sent for general criticism and observation, to the Committees of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce and the Hongkong Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber's Opposition.

5. Replies were received from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce on the 27th of November, 1929, and the Labour Advisory Board on the 6th of December, 1929, the former offering no observations or representations on the Report, while the latter conveyed in general terms an opinion on the part of its commercial members that the Government was already paying its labour adequately. The Committee of the General Chamber of Commerce has not yet replied but has reported progress in an interim letter. It seems fairly clear from this letter that so far as labour is concerned the awards of the Commissioners will not find favour with the European business community of this Colony and the opposition may extend to the recommendations for Chinese Staff generally or even to the whole Report. But I may say at once that I cannot do otherwise than accept the view embodied in paragraphs 21—23 of the Report that the wages now paid by Government to its lowest regular servants are inadequate and that amelioration must begin from this level and spread upwards.

The Cost at 1/6d.

6. With regard to cost a comparative table of the amounts payable under the existing regulations and under the recommendations of the Report, at exchange rates of $1=1/10d., 1/9d. and 1/6d., respectively is enclosed. The Estimates for 1930 were framed on the basis of an exchange of $1=1/10d. and sterling salaries were calculated under existing regulations at the privileged rate of $12 to the £1 plus a high cost of living allowance of 8% or 16% for unmarried and married officers respectively. The total so payable would have been $8,931,096 and the first rough estimate of the cost of the revision made at the time of the introduction of the Budget and calculated at the same rate of exchange showed a total increase of $1,300,000. The estimate has subsequently been revised and the cost of the scheme at $1=1/10d. is now estimated at $10,114,030 or an increase of $1,182,934 over the sum voted in the 1930 estimates. Since then the value of the dollar has declined in the most startling fashion until it reached the unprecedented figure of 1/6½d. from which it has only slightly recovered. This fall in exchange has already involved the Government in payment of temporary allowances at 18% and 9% instead of 16% and 8% as provided for in the estimates, the additional cost of which, if extended throughout the year, is estimated at $214,500 over and above the $420,000 voted for the high-cost-of-living allowance. It has been found from the experience of 1929 that even at 16% and 8% the vote of $420,000 would have proved inadequate and would require to be raised to $564,000. A recalculation of the effect of the new scheme based on exchange rate of 1/6d. and a detailed application of the new scales to existing staff raises the gross estimate to $11,472,554 or $2,541,458, in excess of the sum actually voted for 1930 and $1,358,524 over the revised estimate at $1=1/10d. of the additional cost of the revision. Any revival in the value of silver will automatically result in a reduction of this sum. As the Table shows at exchange $1=1/9d., the net extra cost of the scheme would be under $1,350,000. It must, moreover, be borne in mind that the existing rules for conversion of sterling salaries are powerless to mitigate the effects on officers with sterling commitments of an exchange of $1=1/6½d. The sliding scale itself ceases to be of value below an exchange rate of 1/8d. and the temporary allowance does not compensate for any lower rate than 1/9d. Therefore, without any revision of salaries, it has already become necessary to consider what steps should be taken to compensate the officers with sterling commitments for this further drop in the sterling value of the dollar. Should it prove necessary to abandon the sliding scale and to convert sterling salaries at current rate with the maximum temporary allowance on the results so obtained, and assuming an exchange rate of 1/6d., it would be necessary to increase the sum voted for 1930 by $797,653. The maximum cost of the revision if the dollar should fall to 1/6d. may therefore be put at $2,541,458 over the sum voted for 1930 but at only $1,743,805 over the sum which it may in any case be necessary to vote if the dollar should fall to and remain at 1/6d. I do not however anticipate that the dollar will fall as low as 1/6d. or that it will even remain at its present low level.

To Meet the Cost.

7. It is necessary at this point to consider how far the Colony can meet the increased cost of the scheme without resort to additional taxation. The estimates for 1929 as framed, foreshadowed a deficit of $2,521,050. The final figures for the year will not be available until the Crown Agents accounts are received, but the result of the year's working as estimated by the Treasurer shows, in place of the deficit, a surplus of $1,485,405; —revenue showing a surplus of $940,350 and expenditure being $3,066,105 below the estimate.

8. When the Budget for 1930 was introduced in September last, the position had so far improved that a deficit of only $379,368 was anticipated at the end of 1929; but even this estimate proved unduly pessimistic, and (as stated above) the year ended with a surplus of about $1,485,405. We, therefore, start the year 1930 with the sum of $1,864,773 more than we expected. As a result of this our assets on the 1st January, 1930, are raised from the estimated figure of $7,712,265 to $9,577,038 of which $8,041,363 are considered to be liquid. Speaking generally, therefore, the financial position of the Colony cannot be regarded as unsatisfactory.

9. Turning now to the estimates for 1930, I would first premise that the unexpected fall in the exchange value of the dollar has upset our calculations both as regards the salaries scheme and as regards sterling expenditure on salaries and material. As however I remarked above, I can hardly believe that the dollar will remain at its present almost unprecedented depreciation and I look for some improvement in the course of the year. There is, moreover, little doubt that the savings which inevitably occur every year will more than offset the loss from the fall of the dollar. If the liquid surplus balances of the Colony, estimated on the 1st January, 1930 at $8,041,363 may properly be used to supplement normal revenue for the purpose of meeting votes for Public Works Extraordinary and for certain heavy items of non-recurrent expenditure included under the heading of special expenditure, we are left with the following analysis for 1930:

Estimated Total Revenue $22,712,920; Deduct Land Sales $1,000,000; Estimated Recurrent Revenue $21,712,920.

Estimated Total Expenditure $27,268,515; Deduct Public Works Extraordinary $3,840,750; Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (disallowed) $25,433; Certain heavy items of non-recurrent special expenditure $1,015,000; Gross Recurrent Expenditure $22,387,332.

10. These figures show an estimated deficit of $674,412, as between estimated recurrent revenue and gross estimated recurrent expenditure; but I fully expect the recurrent revenue to exceed the already approved recurrent expenditure in the light of past experience. Even without deducting "special expenditure" items, the recurrent revenue has for the past few years in every case exceeded recurrent expenditure. I, therefore, view the future with less apprehension than the printed estimates might appear to warrant.

Question of Taxation.

11. On the figures for 1929, it would have been possible to meet the full cost of the salaries scheme estimated at $1,038,934 for that year and still have shown a surplus at the end of the year. The position for 1930 is not quite so favourable owing to the drop in exchange and I consider that it would be advisable to make provision for an increased recurrent revenue of about $1,000,000. I have already under consideration a tax on petrol, which should bring in some $200,000 and the possibilities of an amusement tax and of a tax on betting are being investigated; but I cannot anticipate any large revenue from these sources. The only taxes which bring in large sums are the Assessment Tax, the Stamp Tax and the taxes on liquor and tobacco. Of these the taxes on liquor and tobacco have recently been reviewed and are probably as high as it is wise to make them at present, though they may be capable of future enhancement. The Stamp Duties I should prefer not to disturb. There remains the Assessment Tax. The present general rate is 13% and it is expected to yield $4,250,000 in 1930. This cannot be called a high rate in comparison with other large cities, and I think it could be raised by 4% without any appreciable rise in rents or other undue hardship. An increase in the Assessment rate by 4% should bring in about $1,300,000. From the $1,500,000 thus raised it would be necessary under the present method of calculation to deduct 20% or $300,000 as Military Contribution, for which the Colony will obtain no additional benefit. Your Lordship will no doubt realize that this deduction of 20% acts as a very strong deterrent to the raising of additional revenue and, if Your Lordship could arrange that Military Contribution should not be charged on this additional revenue, necessitated as it is by the normal expansion of activities and by an increase in the cost of living, it would go far to remove any opposition to the proposed increase in Taxation.

Authority Requested.

12. I would accordingly request Your Lordship's authority, if possible by telegraph, to lay the recommendations of the Commission, as modified by the schedule herein, before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council with a view to the approval of a vote enabling me to put the new scheme into force with effect from the 1st of January, 1930, and at the same time to proceed with my proposals for raising additional revenue.

Special Bonuses.

13. In conclusion I invite Your Lordship's attention to paragraph 183 of the Report. I appreciate the Commissioners' tribute to the work of the officers mentioned and venture to recommend for your approval of the following bonuses:

To Mr. W. J. Carrie—Secretary	$1,500
To Miss V. R. Harrison—Stenographer	500
To Mr. Un Ting-fan—Interpreter	75

(Continued on Page 13.)

She Began Improving At Once

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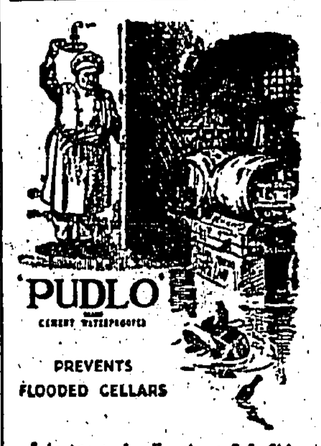

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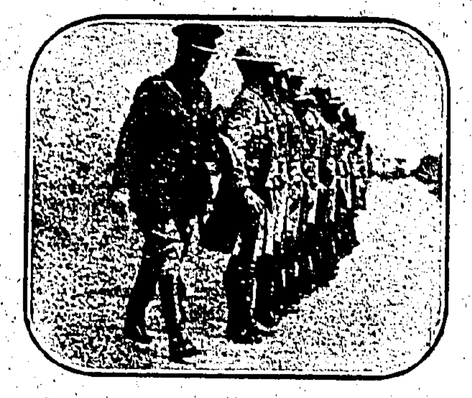
SALESMAN SAM — 'am's Got Her Wrong — By Small

A glimpse of the Shanghai Scottish during the annual Barnes Cup contest, recently held at Shanghai.

Sailors and marines on board H. M. S. Nelson with some of the canaries bought as pets when the Fleet was at Malta for the Naval Exercises. (*Times* copyright).



Colonel H. B. Orpen-Palmer, Shanghai Volunteer Defence Corp Commandant seen at the Barnes Cup contest in Shanghai.

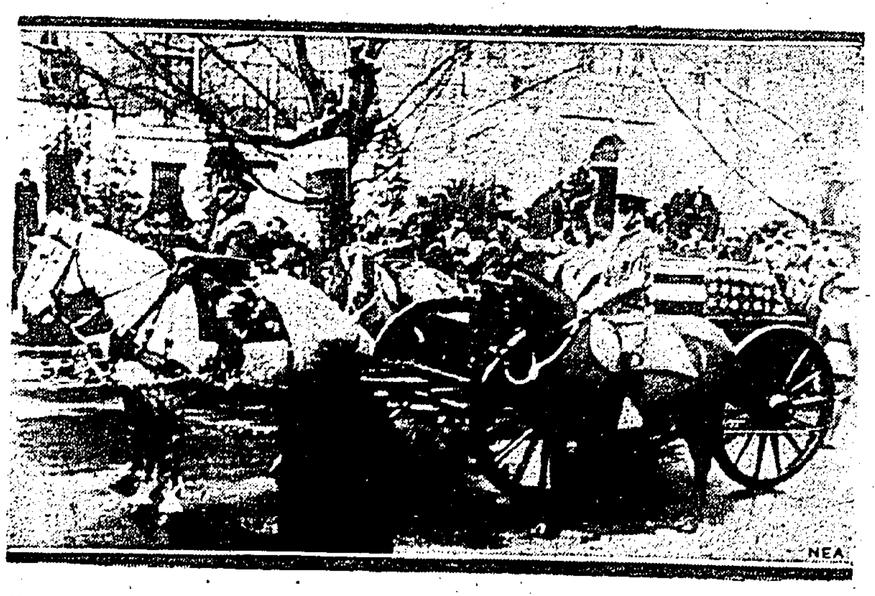
The merger of the Standard Oil Company of New York and the Vacuum Oil Company—involving nearly a billion dollars in assets—is headed by Herbert L. Pratt, above, president of the former company. The two companies were units of the famous Standard Oil "trust" dissolved in 1911.

Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai was the scene of the marriage of Miss Gloria Kahler to Mr. Donald B. Monroe.

Mr. Sheng Z. Wang, Dean of Nanyang College of Mechanical Engineering, Chiao-Tung University, delegate to the International Railway Congress at Madrid, and delegate to the World Power Conference at Berlin, representing the Ministry of Railways.

A farewell dinner was given at the Majestic Hotel, Shanghai, by some members of the staff of the National City Bank of New York to Mr. R. R. MacKean (cashier) on the occasion of his departure from Shanghai on furlough.

Dr. Hans Luther, new President of the Reichsbank.



Eight thousand people stood in drenching rain at Washington to do homage to the late President Taft.

The guard of honour for American delegates at the naval conference. The "Devil Dogs," assigned by Secretary of the Navy Charles Francis Adams, to act as special messengers during the conference, lent a colourful military aspect to the delegation.

The above photograph shows "Red" demonstrators outside the White House at Washington during the "unemployed day" gatherings. The demonstration was quickly broken up by the police.

Nine hundred tons of coal spilled from two collapsed steel pockets in a New York coal company's shed. Here you see workmen digging for [illegible]

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29th April, Singles:—

Gordon Lum v. F. Aragon

30th April, Doubles:—

F. Aragon and Gordon Lum
v.
S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn

Reserved Seats may now be booked at Messrs. Moutrie & Co. Price $1.00 each. Play will commence at 4.45 p.m. each day.

A proportion of the takings will be given to the "Sepoy" Fund.

Note:—Messrs. F. Aragon and Gordon Lum have won the Singles Lawn Tennis Championships of the Philippines and Shanghai respectively.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 16th May 1930, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1929.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 2nd to the 16th May 1930, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Agents.
Hongkong, 25th April, 1930.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Wednesday the 7th May, 1930, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1929.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday 28th April to Wednesday 7th May, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 22nd April, 1930.

NOTICE.

A SPECIAL INAUGURAL SERVICE

for the consecration of a new Altar at the Church of St. Lawrence at Macao, will take place on Sunday, April 27th, at 8.30 a.m.

Hongkong residents desirous of attending are advised to make their arrangements to be in Macao

G. R. NOTICE.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 28th day of April, 1930, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental.	Upset Price
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2322. Near Kowloon Inland Lot. No. 1652, Nathan Road.		As per sale plan.				6,448	$74	$15,120

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			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Inland Lot No. 3053	South of Inland Lot No. 1717.	As per sale plan.				About 123,900	$712	$109,250
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One Piano and Cabinet Gramophone.

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The undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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Chartered Bank, £18¾ n.
Mercantile A. & B., £30 n.
East Asia $109 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., $820 b.
Union Ins., $437½ b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b
Yangtsze Ins., $50 n.
China Underwriters, $1.50 b.
China Fires, $355 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., $900 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, $22½ n.
H. K. Steamboats, $26½ s.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) $40 s.
Union Waterboats $27 b.

Mining.

Benguets, $6.70 b.
Kailans, 61/3 s.
Langkats, Tls. 13.60 n.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n.
Raubs, $23 b.
Tronohs, 21/- n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, $150½ b.
Whampoa Docks, $38 s.
China Providents $5.05 s.
Hongkews, Tls 245 n.
New Engineerings, Tls. 8¼ b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 128 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13.25 b.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 80 (old) n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, $12.85 s.
H. K. Lands, $72½ b.
S'hai Lands Tls. 245 b
Humphreys, $14- n.
Realties, $8.60 b.
Chinese Estates $98 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways $22 s.
Peak Trams (old) $11.65 n
Star Ferries, $74 b.
China Lights, (Old) $23. b.
H. K. Electrics, $72½ b.
Macao Electrics, $23 b.
Telephones $133 b.
China Buses, Tls 19. b.
Singapore Tractions. 10/- s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. b.
Malabons, $27 n.
Cald: Macg. Ord: Tls. 10 n.
Canton Ices, $2.50 n.
Cements (Comb.) $15.80 s.
Ropes $8.15 b.
United Asbestos $5 b.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, $23 40 s.
Watsons, $10.80 n.
Der A. Wings, 80 b.
Lane Crawfords, $3. ss.
Mackintoshs, $18 b.
Sinceres, $12 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, $30½ s.
Constructions, $1.30 n.
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Thatched Cottages.

All the cottages in the twin villages are thatched, and the property now offered for sale includes most of them. The remainder were sold recently, together with the school, schoolhouse and inn, at Great-Abington.

Among the remaining parts of the village now in the market are the post office and the old smithy.

The rents of some of the cottages are under 1s. a week, and few are more than 2s.

"We have already received over 20 offers for the property, but so far have not accepted any," one of the principals of United Kingdom and Overseas Development, Ltd., Abbey House, Victoria-street, S.W.1, the owners of the estate, said.

"It is possible," he added, "that the estate would be a useful purchase for a working carpenter with a little money to spare, as he would be able to do the usual repairs to the cottages himself."

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 4th April)	Rajputana	April 25.
U.S.A., (Seattle 5th April), Canada Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 6th April.)	Pres. Madison (Ship due 25th 5 p.m.)	April 26.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sun Ning	April 26.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	April 27.
Straits	Fushimi Maru	April 27.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjisondari	April 27.
Manila	Pres. Cleveland	April 28.
Amoy	Shirala	April 29.
Japan	Nellore	April 30.
Batavia	Tjikarang	April 30.
U.S.A., (San Francisco 4th April), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Polk	May 3.
U.S.A., (San Francisco 11th Apr.), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Pierce	May 5.
Japan and Shanghai	Angers	May 5.
Japan	Melbourne Maru	May 5.
U.S.A., (San Francisco 10th Apr.), Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Taiyo Maru	May 6.
Canada (Vancouver, B.C. 17th April.) U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Canada	May 8.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Fri., Apr. 25, 4 p.m.
Swatow	G. G. Paul Doumer	Fri., Apr. 25, 4.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Rajputana	Sat., Apr. 26. K. P. O. Parcels ....Apr. 25, 4.30 p.m. Registration ...Apr. 26, 9 a.m. Letters ....Apr. 26, 10 a.m. G. P. O. Parcels ....Apr. 25, 5 p.m. Registration Apr. 26, 9.45 a.m. Letters ....Apr. 26, 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 23rd May.)
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	Pembrokeshire	Apr. 26, Sat., 10 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Namsang	Sat., Apr. 26, Parcels ....Noon Letters ....1 p.m.
Haiphong	G. G. Maurice Long	Sat., Apr. 26, 12.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tean	Sat., Apr. 26, 3.30 p.m.
Saigon	Clara Jebsen	Sat., Apr. 26, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	President Madison	Sat., Apr. 26, 4.30 p.m.
*Swatow, Foochow and Wei Hai Wei	Kueichow	Sun., Apr. 27, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Knying	Sun., Apr. 27, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Apr. 27, 9 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Chekiang	Mon., Apr. 28, 9.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Fushimi Maru	Mon., Apr. 28, 10.30 a.m.
*Swatow and Amoy	Anhui	Mon., Apr. 28, 3 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Mon., Apr. 28, 3 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *Europe via Victoria B.C.	President Cleveland	Mon., Apr. 28, Parcels ....3 p.m. Registration ....4.15 p.m. Letters ....5 p.m. (Due Victoria B.C. 16th May).
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	President Cleveland	Mon., Apr. 28, Registration ....6 p.m. Letters ....6 p.m.
Hoihow	Kwangtung	Tues., Apr. 29, 9.30 a.m.
Manila and Java via Sourabaya	Tjisonduri	Tues. Apr. 29, 10.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Tues., Apr. 29, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Calchas	Tues., Apr. 29, K. P. O. Registration ....1 p.m. Letters ....1 p.m. G. P. O. Registration ....1.45 p.m. Letters ....2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 30th May).
Swatow	Hop Sang	Wed., Apr. 30, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Tsinan	Wed., Apr. 30, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B. C. and *Europe via Siberia	Emp. of Asia	Wed., Apr. 30. Parcels ....Apr. 29, 5 p.m. Registration Apr. 30, 9.15 a.m. Letters ....10 a.m. (Due Vancouver B. C. 17th. May.)
Sandakan	Hinsang	Wed., Apr. 30, 1.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Bintang	Thurs., Apr. 1, noon.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central & South America and *Europe via San Francisco and *Europe via Siberia	Asama Maru	Thurs., May 1. Registration ..Apr. 30, 5 p.m. Letters ....May 1, 8.30 a.m. (Due San Francisco 22nd May).
Hoihow and Bangkok	Chinhua	Fri., May 2, 8.30 a.m.
Japan	Heiyo Maru	Fri., May 2, 10.30 a.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia, (except places South of Townsville) and *New Zealand via Thursday Island	Nellore	Fri., May 2. Parcels ....Noon. Registration ....1.45 p.m. Letters ....2.30 p.m. (Due Thursday Island 17th May.)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri., May 2, 1 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Polk	Sat., May 3, 5 p.m.
Amoy	King Yuan	Sat., May 3, 5 p.m.
*Swatow, Foochow and Wei Hai Wei	Huichow	Sun., May, 4, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kwangchow	Sun., May 4, 9 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Melbourne Maru	Mon., May 5. Registration ....4.15 p.m. Letters ....5 p.m. (Due Brisbane 19th May.)
Saigon, *Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Angers	Tues., May 6. K.P.O. Registration ....1 p.m. Letters ....1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration ....1.45 p.m. Letters ....2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 7th June.)
Manila	Pres. Pierce	Tues., May 6, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Yat Shing	Wed., May 7, 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Thurs., May, 8, 3.30 p.m.

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Is there some mysterious "fence" who will buy from a meat thief the proceeds of his burglary?

Those were questions that worried Smithfield meat market, for an entire van-load of £300 worth of chilled beef was stolen from outside a cold storage house.

"There are periodic small thefts of meat from the market, but this is the first time that I have ever heard of a complete van-load being stolen," was the comment made to the *Daily Chronicle* by a member of Messrs. Sansineva, the firm to which the beef was being delivered.

"We are all puzzled as to how the thief will get rid of the meat. It will keep for no longer than a week unless it is taken direct into cold storage."

One man at the market suggested that perhaps the load had been driven direct to a steamer on the river and shipped before there was any hue or cry.

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Your Children.

[By Olive Roberts Barton.]

Dont use too much "don't!" It is a good word, but a little goes a great way.

Even though they know the unwisdom of its use as well as its futility, mothers still keep on saying "don't do this" and "don't do that" because they know no other way to handle the situation.

Of course, such prohibition is necessary at times, but it is only a flag for one crossing. A mother will have to keep on with her stop signs. And if she does, when is a child going to learn to direct himself?

But there is another vital reason for eliminating the word. Every don't that is used stops some activity in the child. And when a natural impulse is stopped (curiousity is the commonest) something else stops. A little sprout of self-confidence withers and dies.

Inhibitions Multiply.

It will not be long, if these little sprouts keep on withering, until he will be so full of inhibition he will be entirely lacking in those qualities that make for strong character and leadership. He will be a copier, an imitator overcautious, perhaps even a coward. He'll always be waiting either for someone to cheer him forward or to warn him if he is on the wrong track. No leader comes of that material.

All parents must use their own judgment about the safety point at which childish experiment should be stopped, but psychologists tell us that it is better to allow Johnny to indulge his curiosity than to curb it. Natural impulses that are allowed to be carried to a finish govern his mental and character growth in an enormous degree. Experience is the foundation of the entire character make-up.

Johnny has picked up a paint brush full of nice wet green paint and starts in to beautify the porch. If he's old enough, of course he ought to know better, but if he is four or five why not say, instead of shouting "Don't!" —"See here, Johnny, let's go and find a nice box to paint. We'll surprise Sister and paint her a doll house." Put some old clothes on him and let him go at it. He'll get paint on his hands, of course but it will come off with turpentine and a good scrubbing.

It's Worth the While.

There is so much to be gained that it is worth while to let him ruin himself for once. He has had the satisfaction of seeing his experiment carried through and his curiosity satisfied. He may never touch a paint brush again, or if he does he will probably try very hard to keep the paint off himself and everything else. A good lesson in care and manipulation. And he won't have that consuming curiosity about paint that will make him sneak the opportunity to try it out and do all sorts of damage. A little box of paints and a book to colour make a fine plaything.

It is no wonder that some children grow up into stupid nonentities. They are never allowed to learn. Children learn almost entirely by experiment.

That is why we have the word self-expression that mothers hate so, but it is a good word, a very good word, after all.

Georgette.

FOR ALL OCCASIONS.

The whole world has gone georgette mad. Not content with the introduction of a more intricate and elaborate style-fiesta than we have been treated to, La Mode chooses to express her subtleties in that soft, most picturesque of all fabrics, lovely, lissome georgette.

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You will find the smart woman donning a georgette dress for lunch or afternoon, in colours that vie with the tender colourings of spring and the brilliant hues of jewels.

Today's Receipe.

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Line a charlotte mould with jelly and garnish with pieces of glace cherries and angelica. Arrange Savoy biscuits round the sides, and fill the centre with the following mixture:

Dissolve 2oz. of grated chocolate and 1oz. of sugar in a gill of milk then stir over the fire until boiling. Add ½oz. of gelatine melted in a gill of water, and leave until cold, then stir in half-pint of whipped cream and flavour with vanila. Pour into the prepared mould.

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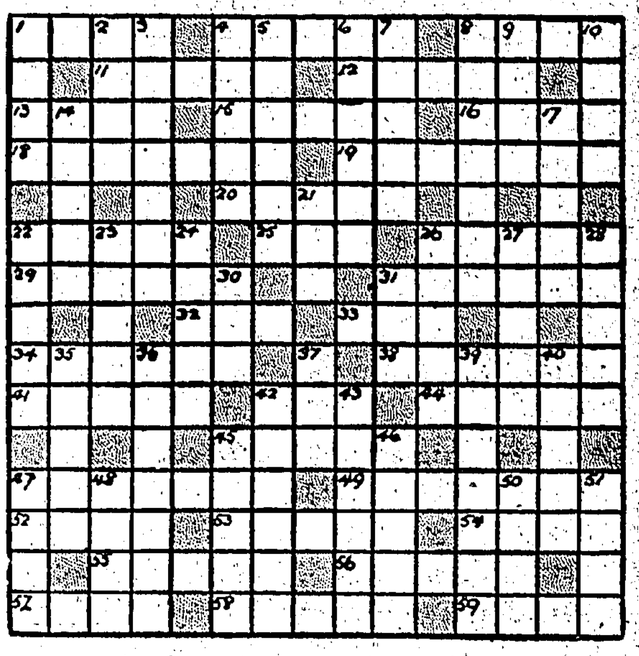

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4 Begin.
8 Part of harness.
11 Rule.
12 Decease in grasses.
13 Restaurant.
15 Ingenuous.
16 Shortly.
18 Leading.
19 Straightens out.
20 Helped.
22 Faces.
25 Kind of lettuce.
26 Obese.
29 Comply.
31 Heat units.
32 Devour.
33 Piece of ground.
34 Wild ass.
38 To make dear.
41 Difficult question.
42 Soft food.
44 Trials.
45 Horse box.
47 Tell again.
49 Contrivance for excluding effluvia.
52 Small membranous cells (Bot).
53 In debt.
54 Airy (Poet).
55 Annual plant.
56 Farthest limit (Fig.)
57 Lengthy.
58 Burned.
59 Swing round (Naut).

Down

1 Design on metal.
2 Couch.
3 Foot machine.
4 Leaves of Cassia.
5 Sad.
6 Kind of play (Plur.)
7 Lie in a particular direction.
8 Rose-like badge.
9 Famous college.
10 Blue titmice.
14 Brood of eagles.
17 Theatre for musical performances.
21 Spot.
22 Hang down.
23 Non-de-plume.
24 Look of contempt.
26 Turn into a siding.
27 Figures on escutcheons.
28 Russian monarchy.
30 Preservative.
31 Starting point.
35 Nasal organs.
36 Obtaining.
37 Sheep's cry.
39 Certain letters.
40 Perfume.
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47 Bar.
48 Look around.
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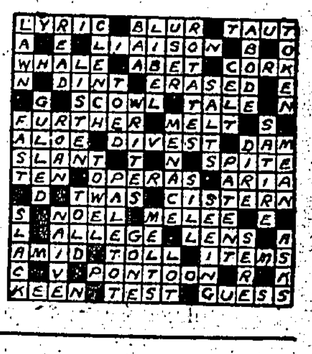
51 Funeral pile.

Yesterday's Solution.



QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"THE TRIAL OF MARY DUGAN."

The whole of the current programme at the Queen's Theatre is devoted to the all-talking film, "The Trial of Mary Dugan." This is a straight adaptation for the film of a well-known stage play, and it provides the opportunity for some powerful acting, in which Norma Shearer gains a triumph comparable to her success in "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney."

The film portrays a Court trial of a well-known chorus beauty for the alleged murder of a prominent financier, and a most dramatic incident is the appearance on the scene, during the trial, of the young brother of the accused girl who is himself an attorney and who, dissatisfied with the manner in which the defence is being conducted, takes on the case. The examination and cross-examination of the witnesses provide plenty of thrills, and there is a surprising climax which fastens the guilt on to the right party.

As may be imagined, the dramatic element is very strong, but there are many touches of comedy to relieve the situation. On the whole, the reproduction is good, though in parts it is a trifle patchy. We commend the film as being well worth seeing.

A PLOT TO POISON FOXHOUNDS.

FOILED BY MASTER OF THE MENDIP HUNT.

What is alleged to be a plot to poison the Mendip Hunt foxhounds was foiled by Captain G. A. Hodgkinson, the Master, in the hunting field.

A member of the hunt told the *Daily Chronicle* that only the efforts of the Master and a local doctor saved the lives of two poisoned hounds and kept others from danger.

The hunt was drawing a wood called Hollow Marsh when two of the hounds were found ill in the cover. Realising that they had pocked up poison, Captain Hodgkinson went swiftly to work, and managed to get some washing soda, which he administered to the dogs as an emetic.

Portions of rabbit and fowl were found poisoned with strychnine.

A local medical man, luckily, came along in his car. He injected morphia into the animals, and saved their lives.

A search revealed a dead hound in another part of the wood, and all the hounds were called off.

No clue to the person alleged to have laid the poison has been found by the police, and a reward of £10 has been offered by Captain Hodgkinson for information which will lead to the discovery to the culprit.

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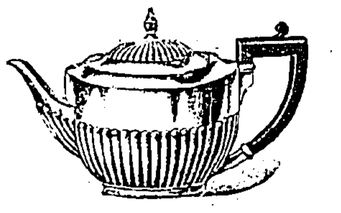

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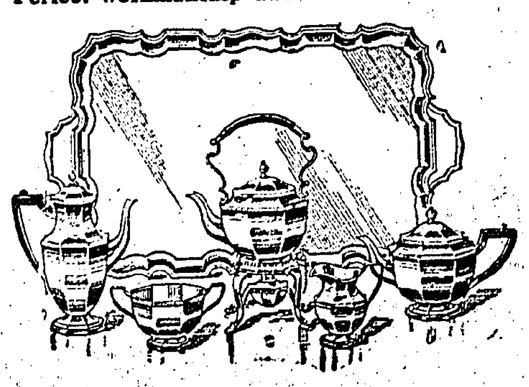

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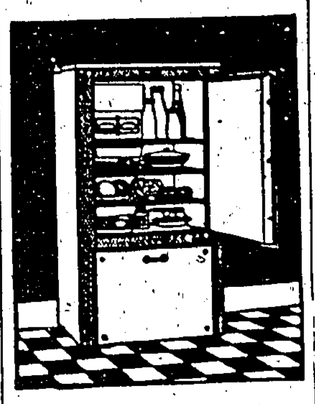

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TAXATION THREATS.

It has now been made clear beyond any shadow of doubt that if the recommendations of the Salaries Commission are put into effect, the consequence will be a very big increase in local taxation. Obviously, the finding of the large sum involved must mean the raising of more revenue, and it is now disclosed for the first time, in a despatch which Sir Cecil Clementi sent Home some time before his departure, that the means by which this is to be obtained has been receiving the consideration of the Government. One of the suggested methods is the imposition of a petrol tax, which is expected to bring in $200,000 a year, whilst the possibilities of an Amusement Tax and a Betting Tax are also being investigated. In addition, there is a suggestion that the Assessment Tax might be raised from 13 to 17 per cent.

What the public reaction will be to these tentative proposals remains to be seen, but we shall be surprised if a storm of protest is not raised. In regard to the Petrol Tax, the official explanation given yesterday to a *Telegraph* representative was that this might be necessary owing to the cost of upkeep of the Colony's roads. The truer reason, it would now appear, is that money has somehow to be found in order to meet the increasing cost of government. Our own idea on this particular tax is that there has, so far, been no evidence forthcoming that motorists are not already paying their fair share of taxation. What the public has a right to know is how much money is at present contributed by the existing method of taxation of motor vehicles, and what special reason has arisen to support the implied contention that motorists are not already paying enough. In any event, if a revision of taxation is necessary, we suggest that the fairest method is to abolish the present taxes based on weight of vehicles and substitute a petrol tax sufficient for the purpose. In this manner, those who pay the taxes will do so in proportion to the use they make of the roads. As the present system operates, two men with the same weight car pay exactly the same amount of revenue to the Government, even though one may use his vehicle every day and the other only once a week. Obviously that is most anomalous. Let what is considered a fair contribution by motor-users be decided upon, and the money be raised solely by a tax on petrol. In regard to the suggested taxes on amusements and betting, we have always held the view that these are useful avenues for revenue, but we had hoped that they might be imposed in substitution for others. Now, apparently, they may be brought in to help pay for the growing cost of government. The hint that the Assessment Tax (better known as Rates, based on rental of property) may be substantially increased is one which will be received with much disfavour. It may be true that our present standard of rates is not high, but, unhappily, cost of living in other directions is rapidly going up, in which connexion the effect of the fall in the sterling value of the dollar has been a big factor. People of average means are already finding the struggle hard enough; if rates are to go up, it seems inevitable, despite Sir Cecil Clementi's views, that rents will advance in proportion. Obviously, the landlord is not going to bear the whole burden. And if rents are increased, everybody will find living costs advanced another peg. Moreover, business houses will have to pay more in rates, at a time when trade is still greatly depressed.

A dispassionate analysis of the situation leaves us with this impression—that in order to meet the high cost of living felt by Civil Servants, the public is expected to consent to its own living costs being raised. If the suggested schemes are put into force, it is more than likely that we shall all have to pay more for rents, transport and amusements. It is easy to talk glibly of the allegedly low standard of taxation in this Colony, but the fact cannot be denied that Hongkong, even under existing conditions, is one of the most expensive places in the world in which to live. Yet further burdens are threatened, not in order that increased service may be given the public, but in order to pay our Civil Servants more. As we have often said before, there is a limit to which this Colony can afford to go in payment of official salaries. We suggest it has already been reached. If Government salaries are at present inadequate and increases are really necessary, then the fairest method would be to cut down staffs until such times as we can afford to face big personal emolument charges. To aly the burden on the commounity in these hard times is little short of monstrous.

The Dog Regulations.

There would appear to be a conflict of views between the magistrate in Kowloon and Mr. Grantham at the Central Police Court regarding the responsibility of dog owners. The latter held on Wednesday that under the Regulations the owner of a dog could not be held responsible if his animal strayed away unmuzzled while the owner was away from the premises. Accordingly several summonses were dismissed, creating a position which needs clarifying in view of the many convictions registered in Kowloon for a similar offence. If recollection serves aright, dog owners in Kowloon have been fined if their dogs have been found unmuzzled in the streets, although they were too far away to actually prevent such occurrence at the time. If this is so, then there is a difference in the interpretation of the law on the two sides of the harbour and some little disatisfaction might be caused in Kowloon if it is proved that some of those summoned have been convicted contrary to a ruling in another Court in the same Colony. The present situation is one which undoubtedly needs definite interpretation of the Ordinance and Regulations which will be accepted by all Courts in the Colony. The prosecutions are all taken with the object of preventing possibly rabid dogs roaming the streets unmuzzled with consequent risks to the general public. The onus, we suggest, should be on the actual owner of the dog to ensure, whether he be on the actual premises or in his office or elsewhere, that his dog cannot escape unmuzzled into the streets. In the cases at the Magistracy on Wednesday an offence had certainly been committed. Yet, under the ruling that if the owner is away from the premises he is not responsible, there was no punishment inflicted—nothing done to check a possible menace to the public. The actual owner of a dog should, we submit, always be held responsible, although it is appreciated that this might involve difficulties. If the safety of the public is concerned, then such difficulties must be overcome.

DAY BY DAY.

I KNOW OF BUT FEW GREATER INFLUENCES THAT WILL KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE RIGHT WITH THEIR FRIENDS THAN TO ASK THEM TO BRING THEIR FRIENDS HOME.—*Joseph Hocking.*

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The annual dinner of the Hongkong Football Club takes place at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant tomorrow night.

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Mrs. C. G. Anderson is to distribute the prizes at the annual sports of Queen's College, which take place at Causeway Bay tomorrow afternoon.

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Sergt. Hunt, of Police Headquarters, is now the Hongkong representative of the Royal Life Saving Society, and all comunications in respect of the Society should be addressed to him at the Central Police Station.

THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Interesting Pictures for To-morrow.

Variety and topicality will be the feature of to-morrow's pictures in the *Telegraph* Art Supplement.

Sporting events will figure prominently in the illustrations. There will be several of the Race Meetings on Saturday and Easter Monday, some illustrations of lady bowlers taking part in the opening day contests at the Taikoo Recreation Club, a group of Kowloon and Happy Valley golfers, and some good action pictures of the Royal Artillery athletic sports. Groups of Boy Scouts, taken during the visit of Canton Scoutmasters on their way to the Nanking Jamboree, will also appear, as well as pictures showing young Chinese ladies studying domestic economy at the Y.W.C.A., whilst another group will be that of those who attended the tennis tea party given at the University to welcome Mrs. Barker and Mr. Clarabut, the new English Lecturers.

In addition, there will be a portrait of Lady Peel, wife of Hongkong's new Governor, as well as photographs taken at the wedding of Mr. Carlos M. Correa and Miss Julia Soares.

Having only just been discharged from a term of one month's imprisonment imposed on March 21, a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of stealing a jacket, was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

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A coal coolie, employed on board the s.s. Tai Kwong Chow, was this morning sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment by Mr. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, for stealing a derrick weight whilst the ship was being unloaded yesterday. The Tai Kwong Chow is a French boat, under the command of Capt. Collot.

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A fine of $10, or fourteen days' hard labour in default, was imposed by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a Chinese who was arrested for stealing a blanket from an Indian police officer of the Naval Yard. It was stated that the blanket had been blown into the street from the complainant's verdandah in Battery Street.

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A term of four months' hard labour was the sentence on a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for having in his possession a quantity of wild branches. The defendant, who had a previous conviction for a similar offence, stated that he had obtained the branches from the hillside at Sai Kung. A boy received eight strokes of the cane on a similar charge.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An Alfred Fripp Memorial.

[To The Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

Sir,—Only one form of memorial seems possible for Sir Alfred Fripp. His whole life can be summed up in the single lovely phrase, "All sick persons and young children." Therefore to perpetuate his memory best, let us do something to perpetuate that life's work. Though all the world was his parish, children came first. So it is proposed that all who knew him, or knew of him—and who did not—shall be invited to subscribe, according to their means and inclination, to a Memorial Fund to be devoted to the development and extension of the Children's Department of Guy's Hospital, for the purpose of Endowing Cots, Building a New Ward, or in such other manner as the Governors of the Hospital and Sir Alfred's own relatives may decide. No tribute would have pleased him more. Indeed, during his last days anxiety about the Children's Department was his only care.

The Trustees of the Fund will be Lord Lonsdale, G.C.V.O., Wilfrid Godfrey, Esq., and myself. Subscriptions may be sent to, and will be gratefully acknowledged by the Honorary Secretary, The "Sir Alfred Fripp" Memorial Fund, 145, Cheapside, E.C.2. These may be large or small, like the people whom he befriended. Two characteristic donations have already been received by us—a cheque for a thousand pounds from those truly practical philanthropists, The Froth Blowers, and a sum of ten shillings raised by farthings among the children of a County Council school in one of the poorest districts of London. The total sum subscribed will be handed intact to the Governors of Guy's Hospital, with which Sir Alfred was closely associated as a student, surgeon and governor for over 40 years, to be devoted by them to one or more of the projects mentioned above.—Your obedient servant,

IAN HAY BEITH.

London, W.1., March 21st, 1930.

YOUNG KIDNAPPER SENTENCED.

CARRIED OFF SON OF A LABOUR.

A young Chinese was sent to prison for a year, by Mr. Grantham at the Central Police Court this morning, on a charge of kidnapping a five-year-old Chinese boy, the son of a labourer living at No. 8, Bridges Street.

For the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs, at whose instance the charge was brought, Inspector J. Murphy said that, with another boy, eight or nine years of age, the child was sitting outside their home, when the accused, with another man who was not in custody, appeared and interested them in a number of cigarette pictures. The two children were subsequently induced to go away from the house.

Near Blake Gardens, the men got rid of the elder boy by sending him off to buy a package of cigarettes, but, while walking down Wo Fung Street with the other, they were seen by people who were assisting the distracted parents in a search for their missing children.

The accused was arrested after his companion had succeeded in making good his escape.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The followinlg extracts are from the *Hongkong Telegraph* for week ended April 24th, 1909.

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The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 9.3/8d.

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The death occurred of Mr. G. Murray Bain, proprietor of the *China Mail*.

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A movement was started to provide a memorial to Dr. G. Bateson Wright, former Headmaster of Queen's College, on his retirement from the position.

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A Peking telegram stated that Britain and Germany had come to terms regarding a loan for the construction of the Hunan-Hupeh section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway question.

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There was considerable agitation in Canton over the question of the delimitation of the Macao boundary.

The Very Idea!

More howlers:

In the olden days many people were burned at the stake for heredity.

Operatto means when a telephone girl gives the wrong number.

Louis Quinze was a famous furniture maker who died a long time ago.

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Recently the B.B.C. received a letter addressed to "Miss Elizabeth Barrett Browning," with a request that it might be forwarded to her, and two similar cases were recorded recently.

One was a letter sent to "Mr. Gay" at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith when "The Beggar's Opera" was running.

The other was addressed to the manager of a theatre where a famous Greek play was being given, enclosing a bundle of press-cuttings for—Aeschylus, Esq."

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Said Sandy to Jock—"Your neebors say you an' yer wife are quarrelin' every day, Jock."

Jock—"That's no' true. Me an' the wife havena' spoken tae ane anither for a fortnicht!"

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A schoolboy, the worry of his teacher's life, handed in the following composition on cats:

"Cats, that's meant for little boys to maul and tease, is called Maultese cats. Some cats are reckernised by how quiet their purrs is, and these is named Purrsian cats. The cats what has very bad tempers is called Angorie cats, and cats with deep feelin' is called feline cats. I don't like cats."

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Pat agreed to accompany his wife on a shopping expedition.

"There's a good pair of boots," said the wife, as they stood looking in the window of a boot and shoe shop, "I think I'll get them for little Dennis."

Pat looked at the articles indicated, and a murmur of surprise left his lips as he saw the price and the notice, "Last Seven Days," displayed on a card above them.

"Sure, Marie, you don't mean to buy these, do ye?" said Pat.

"Why not, Pat?" queried his wife.

"Well, Marie," went on her husband, "you surely want a pair to last longer than seven days, don't ye?"

"PETEREL" NOW AFLOAT.

PROCEEDING TO SHANGHAI FOR DOCKING.

The local naval authorities advise that H.M.S. Peterel is now afloat and proceeding under her own steam. She will proceed to Ichang and thence to Shanghai for docking.

It was reported on Monday that the Peterel, while en route to Chungking, from Ichang, struck a rock and had to be beached near Changchow.

Mr. Handley Derry, H.B.M. Consul General at Chungking, and Mr. Toller, the new Consul at Chengtu, who were aboard, were transferred to a steamer and have proceeded to their destinations.

WHO WAS— LADY BLESSINGTON?

The gay life of the early days of last century had no more tireless devote than the Countess of Blessington—novelist and leader of fashion.

Lady Blessington's childhood and youth were both extremely unhappy. A bad-tempered and dissolute father ill-treated her while she was small, and perpetuated her misery by marrying her at fifteen to a drunken beast, Captain Farmer, who died in prison twelve years later.

A lady of many accomplishments, not least among which was a happy wit, she now married the Earl of Blessington, and was able to indulge her taste for high-life and pleasure. After staying in England for a time, the two went abroad and travelled extensively before the Earl died in Paris, whereupon Lady Blessington returned to England in the company of the famous man of fashion, the Count d'Orsay, with whom she lived. They set up a brilliant household, which became a centre of London's cultural life, but extravagance reduced them both to poverty, and after the glory had departed, they set forth once again for Paris, where Lady Blessington died at the age of fifty-nine.

LATEST JAPANESE LINER.

THE HEIYO MARU ARRIVES IN PORT.

MAGNIFICENT SHIP.

The recently-completed N.Y.K. liner, Heiyo Maru, arrived in harbour this morning from Japan and was moored to Buoy A.3. She is new flag ship of the N.Y.K. fleet to the West Coast of South America, the other vessels at present on this service being the Anyo Maru, Rabuyo Maru, Ginyo Maru and Bokuyo Maru.

The Heiyo Maru is equipped with Sulzer Diesel engines, which give her a speed of over 16 knots. She is 460 feet long, of 9,500 gross tons, and has accommodation for 42 first class, 80 second and 500 third class passengers. She has well equipped public rooms, decorated and furnished by the London firm of Messrs. Wylie and Lockwood. All first class cabins are on the promenade deck, with the lounge and dining saloon, while on the boat deck is a handsome smoking room and attached verandah cafe.

The first class staterooms are equipped with beds, some with Pullman extras, and all with running water.

This remarkably comfortable ship will be open for inspection tomorrow afternoon for which special invitations must be obtained at the local offices of the N.Y.K.

The Heiyo Maru is not of the same dimensions or tonnage as the famous trio, the Asama, Tatsuta and Chichibu Maru, but she is equipped in a like manner, and will form an entirely new class of boat on this line. She was constructed at the Osaka Iron Works. The work was started in December, 1928, and the boat launched in October last. Her trial trip was made in March last, and proved satisfactory in every way.

Notable Feature.

A notable feature of the second-class accommodation is the two and four-berth cabins, which are all amidships. The second class is also provided with a spacious and wholly comfortable lounge, a smoke room and a promenade deck.

The very latest type of steerage accommodation has been provided on the Heiyo Maru. Whereas hitherto steerage has usually comprised a large open compartment, containing 50 to 75 berths, the accommodation on the Heiyo has been constructed on lines similar to that adopted on the magnificent Asama Maru and her sister ships, with two, four, six and eight berth cabins, provided, together with large and spacious bath and toilet facilities, for both the men and women passengers. Another entirely new and notable feature is the steerage dining saloon.

As with all the new N.Y.K. boats, the Heiyo Maru is fitted with wireless loud-speakers in all the public rooms, which can be connected to receive broadcasting programmes.

Modern life-boat equipment forms yet another feature of this ship, which includes electric self-governing boat davits. Other modern appliances for the safety of life at sea are also fully provided.

The Heiyo Maru is but another expression of the progressive policy which has always been adopted by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha in the matter of public utility and service.

PEERING INTO POCKETS.

FELONIOUS INTENT POINT RAISED.

Being doubtful whether looking into the pockets of pedestrians was sufficient to infer felonious intent, Mr. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, remanded a Chinese who was charged, as a suspected person or reputed with being found loitering in the streets of Shamshuipo, with intent to commit a felony.

The defendant denied any felonious intent.

Detective Sergeant Meadows told his Worship that a Chinese detective was on duty in Tai Nam Street near the Market when he saw to two men loitering about. He kept them under observation for ten minutes and saw the defendant, who was one of the men, glancing into the pockets of pedestrians while the other was looking about him, apparently watching for the police.

The man not in custody eventually noticed the detective and ran away, while the defendant was about to run when he was seized and placed under arrest.

After hearing the evidence and being shown the defendant's record, which contained previous convictions for picking pockets, his Worship expressed a doubt as to whether looking into people's pockets was enough from which to infer felonious intent. He said that, after all, a person had a right to use his eyes.

The case was adjourned until Monday for the police to refer to authorities on the point.

Y.W.C.A. BUILDING NEEDED.

GARDEN PARTY HELD IN HONGKONG.

$80,000 AIMED AT.

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Ma Wing-chan, the President of the Young Women's Christian Association, was hostess at a garden party given at her residence on Kennedy Road, to the workers in the campaign to raise funds for a Y.W.C.A. building for Hongkong.

After tea the group settled down to the serious business of measuring progress in the campaign to date, and facing the work which remains to be done in order to reach the goal of $80,000 with which to purchase a building for immediate use. This fund will also serve as a foundation with which to erect a building in the future, which can be especially planned to meet the needs of a young women's organization.

For some time the Directors of the Young Women's Christian Association have been thinking of putting up such a building with the help of the community, but finally decided to work toward it by taking the first step in raising funds to purchase a building already available, which could be altered and equipped to serve the immediate needs.

Need for Accommodation.

For ten years the work of the Association has been carried on from four rooms in rented quarters which the activities and needs have now hopelessly outgrown. Especially is this true of the Hostel. There are now many Chinese young women passing through Hongkong as travellers, or coming as students to enter the schools of Hongkong, who need living accommodations for longer or shorter periods, where they can find a home-like atmosphere and a sense of security. Many of these young women have had to be turned away, after taxing the small cubicle hostel space beyond its capacity. Educational work and recreation and sports are also greatly restricted by lack of proper space.

The reports at the garden party showed that $5,500 of the amount needed had been secured to date, practically all of it from the Chinese community, much of it in comparatively small subscriptions representing continuous hard work on the part of the seventy women who are collecting funds.

Secretary's Address.

Miss MacKinlay, the National Y.W.C.A. secretary for finance, was a guest at the garden party and made a brief address to the workers, praising them for the good work they had accomplished in collecting the money in hand, and also in educating the people to understand and care for the welfare of the young women and girls in it. Each subscription, she said, represented a personal contact and an opportunity to make known the worth of the Young Women's Christian Association as a community service institution. She urged them to go on and said it was their own personal conviction of the need and the ability of the Y.W.C.A. to meet that need in ever growing usefulness, that would help them to find the courage and the persistence that were needed to accomplish their purpose, and would also be a large factor in convincing those to whom they made their appeal.

A chart was exhibited, which illustrated by a series of blue lines against the names of the seventy women who are working in the campaign, the amount each had collected to date. The worker against whose name stood the longest blue line, told of some of her experiences in collecting money. She has been working part of every day, sometimes climbing stairs as high as the eighth storey to make a call.

After these talks the workers enthusiastically decided to go on with the work of collecting the fund with more energy and persistence and after an informal social time, the garden party broke up just in time to escape the evening showers.—*Contributed.*

SERIOUS END TO A QUARREL.

FOKI ALLEGED TO HAVE USED A CHOPPER.

A quarrel between two shop fokis of 37, Peking Road had serious results when one of the men used a chopper and inflicted injuries to his fellow-worker, necessitating his removal to hospital where he is expected to be detained for about a week before he will be able to appear to prosecute his assailant.

The incident was mentioned before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when the police brought a charge of causing grievious bodily harm to the man in hospital, against the assailant.

Detective Sergeant Humphreys appeared for the prosecution and asked for a short remand to make further enquiries into the case.

The defendant was remanded till to-morrow morning.

PROBLEM OF YOUNG GIRL.

SEQUEL TO THEFT OF A CASH BOX.

HOMELESS ORPHAN.

The Kowloon City Police are faced with the solution of the difficult problem of knowing what to do with a young girl who, as a result of the theft of a cash box from Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, has been rendered homeless, with certain benevolent institutions refusing to assist her on account of her stubbornness and her past character.

The girl was brought before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy during the week on a charge of theft and taken before the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, but when the case was again mentioned this morning, Sub-Inspector Elston said the girl had refused to speak and therefore the S.C.A. had to leave the matter in his Worship's hands.

She had formerly been sent to a school and the police had communicated with the European headmistress, but the latter declined to take the girl back because of the annoyance she had caused previously.

According to Sub-Inspector Elston, the girl was now homeless and the police suggested a remand to see what could be done for her. The girl had been an orphan since she was 10 years of age and had been sent to a home by the S.C.A. prior to her recent employment.

Sub-Inspector Elston mentioned that he did not think his Worship would want to send such a young girl to gaol, but if he discharged her with a caution she would have nowhere to go.

His Worship adjourned the case for one week for the police to do what they could for the girl.

BATTLE FLAGS TO BE SOLD.

OFFER TO OFFICERS IN THE NAVY.

Between 50 and 60 tattered ensigns and Union Jacks that flew bravely from the masts of our battleships during the war are to be sold.

These proud and defiant emblems of Britain's naval might have spent several years in the obscurity of the naval stores at Portsmouth. Now they are to be disposed of, because the Navy has no further use for them.

The famous ships over which the flags once floated have been broken up; the gallant ships' companies are scattered throughout the Empire.

Many battle-scarred flags of the Navy have been given at various times to cathedrals and churches. But never before have any of them been sold.

The Admiralty will announce in Fleet Orders, however, that these survivors are to be sold at nominal prices to the officers who served in the ships over which they flew who are considered to have the most justifiable claims based on the length of service.

An official of the Admiralty stated that it was considered that this was the best method of disposing of the flags.

"It doesn't look as if short skirts were ever coming back, does it?"

SINGAPORE LIKE HONGKONG.

CHANGE-OVER TO AUTOMATIC TELEPHONES.

DIFFICULTY UNLIKELY.

Singapore, Apr. 17.

After to-day there will be no need for the telephone subscriber in Singapore to lift the receiver and lisp the name of the number he wants to a young lady at the exchange, nor will he again hear the words "sorry—wrong number—try again," in response to an urgent call.

To-morrow, the automatic system which the Oriental Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd., have been busily installing during the past year, will come into force after 6 a.m., and an uncanny, infallible Robot will take the place of a poor, erring, human being at the switchboard.

The work of conversion has been going on for some time and the new phones with their dialling apparatus are now familiar everywhere.

The fullest instructions in their use have also been issued and after the initial strangeness has been overcome it is not anticipated that there will be any great difficulty in the adoption and favourable reception of the new system.

In taking this step the Telephone Co. are falling into line with the most advanced practice in other parts of the world. It is understood that all the arrangements for the change-over have been ready for some time, but the company have been awaiting a favourable opportunity to introduce the new system with the minimum of inconvenience.

OVER EMBANKMENT INTO FIELD.

MOTOR COACH PLUNGES THIRTY FEET.

Passengers in a motor-coach and a motor-car which came into collision at Kingsworthy, near Winchester, had wonderful escapes.

The coach shot over an embankment and plunged into a field 30 feet below. It remained upright, but the car was overturned. Yet none of the passengers was seriously hurt.

The car was travelling to Southampton and the coach was on its way from Bournemouth to London. When the car overturned the four occupants had to climb out through the sliding roof.

Percy Marcus, of London, who was in the car, was injured and taken to the country hospital at Winchester. Later, however, he was able to leave.

A number of passengers in the coach were bruised, and one woman, Miss Edith Seagill, of Ealing, received a cut on the temple.

Two children who were in the coach were lifted out, and sat on a rug at the roadside while other passengers pacified them.

"The coach just missed a tree as it went over the embankment," a by-stander said: "It was badly damaged, the side being almost torn away.

"The marvellous part of the accident is that no one was killed. As it had happened, nobody was seriously injured. The driver of the coach, Frederick Stokes, of Poole, managed to keep his head, and the coach did not overturn."

DEAD TO BENEFIT HIS WIDOW.

DEATH PACT TRAGEDY IN A VIENNA HOTEL.

WOMAN COMPANION.

A dramatic feature of the death pact tragedy in a Vienna hotel, in which a Cleveland (Ohio) man shot himself and his beautiful young woman companion, has been revealed.

The man, it appears, had a £12,000 life insurance policy that would have expired in a few hours, had he continued to live.

It is believed that he timed his death so that his deserted widow should benefit.

The mystery underlying the deaths of the couple found shot in the hotel—the ramifications of which extend over two Continents—has been engaging the attention of the police.

On March 20 a handsome and elegantly dressed man, about 40 years old, and a woman of about 25, arrived at the Hotel Sacher. They registered as man and wife, giving their home address as Cleveland, Ohio.

Later, when they failed to appear, the chambermaid knocked on the door, but received no answer.

The hotel manager then forced the door and discovered the couple lying dead and undressed on the bed.

During the night the man had apparently shot his companion through the heart and then turned an army automatic revolver on himself.

From farewell letters left by the couple it was ascertained that they were both married, an illegal marriage which they had contracted in America being doubly bigamous.

Mystery still surrounds the identity of the man's companion.

All her farewell letters, as well as a number of photographs enclosed, bore the signature Josefa Kropei. In one unsigned letter, however, was a request that whoever discovered the bodies should inform a certain Cleveland woman, who appears to have been the girl's mother, that:

"Mary Macgranahan died together with Watzl."

Missing Wife.

The Viennese police requested information from Cleveland, and discovered that the unfortunate woman was probably Mary Macgranahan, wife of a Cleveland man, who for several months has been trying to trace her and to bring a £10,000 law suit against Watzl for alienating her affection.

Watzl is survived by a widow and several children, all of whom are now living in Cleveland, and said to be in dire straits because Watzl left them without money when he disappeared in November.

His wife tried to collect money on his life insurance policy when his wrecked motor-car was discovered near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, some days after his disappearance.

As she could not prove his death, her claim was refused.

TRICKIER TRICKS ON BICYCLES.

KOWLOON YOUTHS FIND A NEW METHOD.

A new method of trick cycling was revealed to Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when a Chinese appeared before his Worship, together with several others, on a charge of riding in a manner dangerous to the public.

A Chinese detective who effected the arrest informed the Court that he saw the defendant with one foot on the saddle of the machine while he was using the other to peddle the cycle. He proved himself such an expert at riding that he was bending over and retrieving stones from the ground and then discarding them to pick them up again.

His Worship asked if the defendant were helping the Roads Department to make good the thoroughfares and remarked that he must have been a good rider to be able to do what he was alleged to have done.

A fine of $10 was imposed, the defendant admitting the offence.

Similar fines were imposed on other trick cyclists.

A report from the Water Police states that Tam Kau, aged 37, a shop fokl of 37, Peking Road, has been sent to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from injuries to the neck and body, inflicted by a man, who has since been arrested, who made a brutal attack with a chopper.

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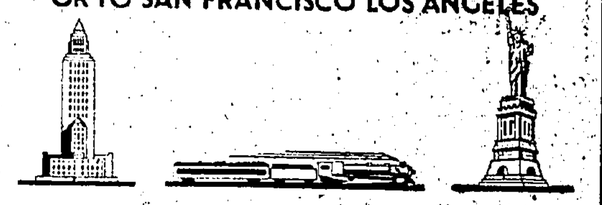

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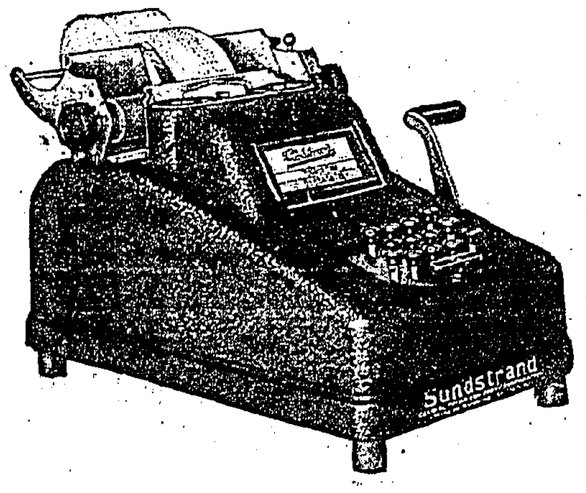

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LIFE DRAMA OF A HERMIT.

A RICH MAN WHO LOST HIS ALL.

A dramatic story of a fall from affluence to poverty was revealed by the death of Thomas Field Michell, aged 61, whose body was found on a barge in the River Itchen, at Southampton.

This barge had been the only place of refuge for Mr. Michell for some months.

Mr. Michell formerly owned a large estate near Marazion, in Cornwall, and was a county magistrate. To such a plight did he come, that some months ago, when he was practically destitute, Mr. William P. Crighton, the owner of the barge, who lives in Southampton, allowed him to live in the craft as the alternative to the streets.

His family were well-known as bankers, tin-smelters and landowners.

Among the letters found on the barge was an acknowledgment of his application to be released from the Commission of Peace for the County of Cornwall. That was dated 1924.

Another indication was that if anything untoward happened the finder of the body should communicate with Mr. Arthur Freeman, a barrister, of Torquay, his cousin.

Mr. Crighton said: "Mr. Michell and I met last August. We found a mutual subject in yachting. Mr. Michell was an enthusiastic yachtsman, and I learned from him that during 50 years' of the sport he had owned several cruising boats.

"He was a gentleman, who was down on his luck, and I suggested to him that if he had nowhere else to live he might as well change his abode to a more roomy craft. I visited him often.

"He read a lot, and I understood that for three or four years he had been helping other people on their boats and yachts.

"He told me he had been a magistrate in Cornwell, but had resigned from the position some years ago. He never gave me a reason, but I gathered it was because he was ruined. He also referred to an estate which he had owned.

"Throughout the war, Mr. Michell told me, he was engaged in coast watching, and was in charge of a part of the Cornish coast. After the war he started on a venture with sea-going barges, which were engaged in a commercial project between this country and the Continent.

"I gathered he lost all his money."

MOTORISTS CAST IN A DUNGEON.

PRINCE'S ANGER AT A TRAFFIC JAM.

A strange story is published in a Bucharest paper concerning a fresh display of anger by the Rumanian Regent, Prince Nicolas, uncle of the boy King.

It has previously been reported, during the past few months, that the Prince has attacked private citizens who had obstructed his motor-car.

Because a passing motor created clouds of dust—the latest report says—the Prince ordered his retainers to arrest the occupants of the motor and to confine them in the dungeon of the Castle of Scrowiste, where he is now living.

In the castle dungeon, the unfortunate motorists remained until news of their predicament came to the ears of the Government, and their immediate release was ordered (according to this queer story).

A first version of the story said the objects of the Prince's wrath were Parliamentary Deputies, but a later report said Government officials surveying the country near the castle.

Premier Maniu is said to have made a special trip to Scrowiste to investigate the affair.

GARRISON NEWS.

ANNUAL ROWING CUP.

The Royal Artillery Rowing Cup was competed for yesterday afternoon over a course of two thousand yards, finishing opposite the Royal Navy Yacht Club. Five crews were entered. Two from 12th (h) Bty; two from 20th (h) Bty; and one from 31st Bty. The draw for places was as follows:—1st, 12th Bty, first crew (colours Black); 2nd, 12th Bty second crew (Blue); 3rd, 20th Bty second crew (Yellow); 4th, 20th Bty first crew (Red); 5th, 31st Bty (White).

Quite a number of spectators were on board W. D. Launch "Tommy Atkins" and witnessed the race, which was won by 31st Bty Crew, by eight lengths, with 20th Bty 1st Crew, second and 12th Bty second crew, third.

At 5.07 p.m. Major Miles, Royal Marines from a launch, drew the teams up in line and Blue was seen to gain from the start. Black caught up and the crews appeared in line for a minute. In three minutes, the positions were as follows:—Blue, White, Yellow, Black, and Red. White was seen drawing away and in five minutes was two lengths ahead. In six minutes, the order was White with five lengths lead, followed by Red, Blue, Yellow, and Black. White continued to gain and passed the finishing point easy winners. It was a good race and the crews appeared very fresh.

From the open space in front of the R.H.Y.C., Lieut. Col. W. F. Christian, D.S.O., R.A., before asking Mrs. Christain to present the Rowing Cup and prizes to the lucky contestants, congratulated 31st Bty on their wonderful rowing and magnificent win. He thanked the Commodore and members of the R.H.Y.C. for the use of the Yacht Club. Included in his expressions of thanks were Major Miles, Royal Marines, for so kindly officiating as starter and umpire; to Rear Admiral R. A. S. Hill, C.B.E., for use of the naval launch and to Mr. Wolfe Barry for the splendid work of organizing the race.

Mrs. Christian gracefully handed over the cup and prizes to the winners. At the conclusion, three cheers were called for Mrs. Christian, by Lt. Wolfe Barry, and were lustily given.

History of Cup.—1924, won by 25th Bty; 1925, not competed for; 1926, won by 12th Bty; 1927, again won by 12th Bty; 1928, won by 20th Bty; 1929, won by 20th Bty.

The Army Billiards Competitions.

In addition to the Steel Coulson league, which will soon be got under way, a number of billiards competitions have been arranged for Military and other Service players. The Garrison Billiards Challenge Cup, at present held by the R.A.S.C., is run on the knock-out rules, and is open to Battery and Company teams of six players. All games in this competition are played in the Soldiers' Club.

The Area Amateur Billiards Championship, open to Warrant Officers, N. C. Os. and Men of the Regular Forces, which was won last season by a N.C.O. of the K.O.S.B., always produces a large number of entries. Games will be played in the Soldiers' Club, or at any other convenient place to be mutually arranged by opposing players.

The Garrison Billiards League, run on League lines, is divided into two groups. Group "A" consists of 6 players from a Unit, from Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants. Group "B" contains the same number of players from each Unit entering a team, but drawn from Corporals and Privates. The winning team in each Group will play off to decide the League Championship. This competition is held for the first time this season in the Colony, and should prove very popular, as many teams in the Challenge Cup last year were knocked out in the first round, and would have liked another run for their money.

The Soldiers' Club Billiards Tournament is run on the knock-out principle. It is open to ships of the Royal Navy, Batteries of the R.A., Companies of Infantry, and Departmental Corps, the H.K.V.D.C., H.K. Police, R.N. Yard Police, Prison Warders and Sanitary Department. Teams will contain eight players, and games will be played in the Soldiers' Club.

Rules for the various competitions have been sent to all Units concerned, and are posted up in the Soldiers' Club. Entries should be sent to the Secretary, Hongkong Area Sports Board (Billiards Section, Lieut. P. T. Mahoney, R.E., Wellington Barracks) by 30th April in respect of the first three Competitions, and by 14th May for the Soldiers' Club Tournament.

Hockey Match.

A good game, though under rather trying weather conditions, was played at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon between the R.A.O.C., and the Royal Corps of Signals, the Ordnance proving the better-combined side, and winning by two goals to nil.

Navy Football Match.

A team from H.M.S. Hermes played the Torpedomen of H.M.S. Cumberland yesterday afternoon on the Dockyard Ground, the former winning by the odd goal in three. Teams:

Hermes.—Higgins; Buckingham, Tucker; Watson, Anderson, Keeble; Hook, Meyer, Davis, Smith, Webb.

Cumberland.—Constable; Townsend, Stringer; Burgess, Ryder, Flint; Ainslie, Young, Marsh, Meyer, Clements.

After a few minutes pressure by Cumberland forwards, and a shot or two that brought no goal, Hermes took play to the other end, where Hook, running in from the wing, put in a pretty cross-shot that Constable touched but could not stop, though he did well with other shots from the other wing later on. Cumberland equalised when Ryder ran through and scored with a low drive that beat Higgins.

The first half brought no further score, though pressure was put in by each side in turn, Cumberland having bad luck in addition to some rather inaccurate shooting. The same fault, with sometimes a lack of combination prevented Hermes from adding to their tally when the second half was begun. Some attacks by Cumberland, and a long shot by Ryder from a free-kick found Higgins watchful and safe. Hermes returned to the other end, and some improved play resulted in Davis getting the winning goal. End-to-end play, and keen struggles for a goal on either side, brought the game to an end, with Hermes a shade the better team.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9.16 a.m.—A. B. Purves and A. O. Brawn.
9.20 a.m.—M. M. Maas and R. Young.
9.24 a.m.—W. J. Clerk and D. Forbes.
9.28 a.m.—A. Ritchie and H. R. Sturt.
9.32 a.m.—L. Yates and E. Stone.
9.36 a.m.—A. G. Coppin and C. W. Jeffries.
9.40 a.m.—J. Stuart and D. J. Gilmore.
9.44 a.m.—A. Macfarlane and D. McWhirter.
9.48 a.m.—L. C. Parker Rees and G. W. Reeve.
9.52 a.m.—E. Newhouse and W. M. Pittendrigh.
9.56 a.m.—I. H. Geare and T. G. Bennett.
10.00 a.m.—J. F. Pilcher and V. J. Donaldson.
10.04 a.m.—A. D. Humphreys and O. Eager.
10.08 a.m.—N. K. Littlejohn and D. S. Robb.
10.12 a.m.—T. Low and D. Black.
10.16 a.m.—J. S. Drummond and R. W. Taplin.
10.20 a.m.—A. Sommerfelt and C. B. Brown.
10.24 a.m.—D. J. Keogh and B. J. Lacon.
10.28 a.m.—T. Grant and G. E. Costello.
10.32 a.m.—J. G. Campbell and J. Forbes.

CRICKET.

KOWLOON C. C. SECONDS TO PLAY ARGYLLS.

The following will represent the Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI in a match against the Argyll and Sutherlands on the Kowloon C.C. ground tomorrow at 2 p.m.—B. Petheram (Capt.), H. Overy, A. J. Kew, A. T. Lee, A. R. F. Raven, O. B. Raven, N. H. Ross, D. W. Gregory, N. A. E. Mackay, G. A. V. Hall and S. Jex.

A two storey house in the Sai Tau Village, in old Kowloon City, was partially destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. Owing to the position of the building the motor appliances could not go within reach of the place with the result that hand pumps had to be used. After being away for two hours the engines returned to the Station after the roof of the house had fallen in and the contents had been severely damaged by fire and water.

MOTOR CARS ON COMMONS.

PROPOSED FINES IN THE NEW BILL.

There are eccentric people who take pleasure in committing technical breaches of the law, and do not mind paying a fine of £5 to indulge their eccentricity.

This was a point raised by Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Minister of Transport, during a sitting of the Standing Committee on the Road Traffic Bill in the House of Commons.

Mr. Morrison was dealing with an amendment by Colonel Sir Kenyon Vaughan Morgan to limit the fine to £5 for driving on common land and moorland.

He said many such people thought nothing of "sailing" into a common, selecting a spot, and settling down to a picnic.

"It may be that this eccentricity borders on mental deficiency, in which case imprisonment might be the only remedy," he said. We must stop this habit of driving recklessly over commons and turning the countryside into a scene of beanfeasts.

Mr. Morrison accepted the amendment on condition that the fine for the second offence should be £10.

Car Drunkenness.

Mr. G. H. Oliver, Labour Member for Ilkeston, made a plea for drivers suffering from "the fourth kind of drunkenness."

"It was Charles Dickens, I believe," he declared, "who said there were three kinds of drunkenness—amorous, dignified and quarrelsome. There is another kind, and the action of the man who suffers from it is in many cases commendable.

"I have known a man who had only one glass of beer," Mr. Oliver was proceeding to say, when a Conservative member heaved a sigh that was heard all over the room, and said "Shame."

A burst of laughter followed, and Mr. Oliver continued: "There is an intoxication in fresh air; an overpowering sleepiness overcomes one.

"In fact, I have known a man, when there was no question of drink, being so overcome by the fresh air that he drove his car to the side of the road and rested until the sleepiness had passed.

"Would that man have been summoned for being drunk in charge?"

Sleeping It Off.

Mr. Morrison said it would seem that before the Bill was through the Opposition would have defended every sin in the calendar.

It seemed to be argued, he went on, that if a man driving a car had had so much drink that he had come to the conclusion that he was "well away," and went round the corner to "sleep it off," that man could be regarded as a perfectly reasonable, well-behaved citizen.

COMING ATLANTIC AIR SERVICE.

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Within the next three years there will be passenger airships crossing between London and New York in 48 hours on a service operating every other day—if the present plans of airship designers can be completed.

The airships to be used will probably be twice the size of the R 100 and R 101, with a speed of 90-95 miles per hour and accommodation for over 100 passengers, with luggage and mails.

That such a service is well within the range of commercial probability is maintained by Commander Sir Dennistoun Burney, the designer of the R 100, in an article in the *Empire Review*.

£6,500,000 to Begin.

According to Commander Burney, the first step must be the evolution of an airship which can alight on the water of its own accord and, if necessary, anchor like an ordinary marine vessel. He has already designed such an airship, and preliminary tests show it to be sound in principle.

To begin with, probably only a bi-weekly service will be contemplated, for which the capital expenditure required would be about £6,500,000. This would include the construction of the ships, their bases and fueling stations in the Azores and Bermuda.

A fare of £200 per passenger is suggested. If, as is estimated, 20,000 passengers were transported annually, this would bring in a revenue of £3,800,000, after deducting 5 per cent. for agents' fees. Mails, it is anticipated, would bring the total revenue up to £6,300,000.

If the annual cost of running the service, including depreciations, amounted to £3,000,000 this would still leave a return of £3,300,000 on a cash capital of £6,500,000.

No Other Prospects So Good.

"My purpose in making these rough estimates," writes Commander Burney, "is to show that there are good reasons for thinking that an Atlantic air service can be made a business proposition providing it is conducted with the energy and efficiency such a novel enterprise demands.

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SERVICES BOXING.

NAVAL MEN MEET ARMY EXPONENTS.

Navy and army boxers, from H.M.S. Hermes and the Somerset Light Infantry, met in a series of well-fought events on board H.M.S. Hermes last night, this being the seventh tournament held on board the aeroplane carrier. There were eleven events of all classes, and the final totalling showed six wins for the Hermes and five for Somerset Light Infantry. The organisation was in the hands of Lieut. Commander I. B. Farrant, who made excellent arrangements. During the evening selections were rendered by the band of H.M.S. Hermes.

In the bantamweights Pte. Paddick won on points against A. B. J. V. Smith, bantam champion of the China Fleet, while A. B. Trimming, amateur welter-weight champion of the South China fleet gained the verdict on points against Lance Corporal Woodhouse. Another excellent fight was that between A. B. Rawlings and Pte. Pearce. These two met at the last City Hall tournament when the verdict was awarded to Rawlings. After a stiff fight in a very even contest he again won on points.

"A very good fight indeed," remarked one of the Referees at the conclusion of a stern tussle between A. B. Perkes and Pte. Lloyd when Perkes won on points.

Only one knock-out was registered during the evening, this being the last fight on the card, when Pte. Morris put A. B. Swann on the boards in the second round. Morris shaped well in the first round and about half way through the second he got Swann on the ropes and landed several hard blows to the face, one of which found the mark.

There were three rounds to each fight and all went the full distance with the exception of the last.

The full results are appended.

Welter-weights.

Pte. Jones defeated A. B. Turner, the verdict being given after an extra round had been fought; Pte. Pusco defeated A. B. Newstead; A. B. Trimming defeated L/Cpl. Woodhouse; A. B. Perkes defeated Pte. Lloyd.

Bantams.

Pte. Paddick defeated A. B. J. V. Smith; A. B. Rawlings defeated Pte. Pearce.

Light-Heavy.

Ordinary Seaman Shreeve defeated L/Cpl. Cullen; Pte. Morris defeated A. B. Swann.

Light-Weights.

A.B. J.T. Smith defeated Pte. Guest; L/Cpl. Adams defeated A. B. O'Dell; Ordinary Seaman Scott defeated Cpl. Sherston.

At the conclusion of the bouts, Commander D. C. Lang called upon Mr. R. M. Dyer to distribute medals to the winning men and also a medal for the best loser which was won by A.B. J.V. Smith.

Commander Lang thanked Mr. Dyer for consenting to distribute the medals and said, amid applause, they all knew that no matter whether it was the Navy, Army or Air Force, Mr. Dyer had their interests at heart and he did whatever he could for them.

He continued that the officers of the ship were glad to have with them Col. Little and officers of the Somerset Light Infantry. It was the seventh tournament that had been held on the Hermes all of which had been enjoyed. Those on board the Hermes knew the Somersets very well as they had met at sport, at work and in the canteen (laughter and applause).

With regard to sport, the speaker continued that he thought boxing was one sport at which the Navy could compete on equal terms with land forces because they could get as many hard lefts and rights over on board a ship as they could on land.

Commander Lang, whose speech was of a humorous nature, dwelt on the good feeling between the Navy and the Army and commented on the great hospitality of the Somersets.

He concluded by saying he was sorry that the tournament would most likely be the last as the Hermes would probably be going north shortly and would then sail for England (applause). He understood the Somersets were also going west but not as far as the Hermes (laughter).

After the medals had been presented, three hearty cheers were given for Mr. Dyer, who, in a short speech, commented on the fact that men from the Hermes had done much to keep boxing going in the Colony. He wished them good luck on their Homeward voyage and a safe passage.

Among those present were Commander Lang and officers of the Hermes and the following S. L. I. officers.—Lieut. Col. C. H. Little, D.S.O., Captain C. W. P. Ludlow and Lieuts. L. N. Evans, J. R. I. Platt, L. H. Bradshaw, C. S. Howard, J. H. Alms, D. A. Cave, E. H. Worral and H. B. Philpott. Mr. A. Murdoch was also present.

The officials were as follows.—First-half referee, Lieut. Alexander. Second-half, Captain B. J. Corballis. Judges, Lieut. C. E. C. Burton, R. A., Lieut. R. N. Thicknesse, Somerset Light Infantry and Hermes officers who took turns. The M. C. was Petty Officer Mellow.

HOCKEY.

CLUB "A" TEAM TO MEET CLUB DE RECREIO.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club "A" XI in their match with the Club de Recreio at King's Park to-day at 5.15 p.m.—W. Borrowman, T. R. Rowell, J. E. Henry, J. W. Arber, E. G. S. Dale, H. D. Beamont, Maj. Kerrich, S. J. H. Fox, L. G. Frost, R. H. D. Wade and R. W. Sapsed (Captain).

SALE OF YOUNG GIRLS.

TRAFFICKING ALLEGED AGAINST CHINESE COUPLE.

A MUI-TSAI'S STORY.

That certain accounts seized by the Police and exhibited in the case showed wholesale trafficking in girls for immoral purposes, covering transactions amounting to more than $30,000, was the startling suggestion made by Mr. H. R. Butters, an official of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, at the Central Police Court, yesterday afternoon.

The case was one concerning Ng Pui-chi, described as a business man of No. 13, D'Aguilar Street, his wife Tong Siu-lan, and two other women, who were charged with being concerned in the sale of two girls, stated to be *mui-tsais*.

Ng Ho (13) said she was a *mui-tsai* employed by the married couple at their home on the second floor of No. 13, D'Aguilar Street.

She knew Kwok Siu-lan, (whose sale for the purposes of prostitution formed the subject of one of the charges) as being a *mui-tsai* before she became a prostitute. She also knew Lau Sze-koo (the third defendant) as being a procuress, who used to visit the Ngs.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, on behalf of Lau Sze-koo, witness said that Lau Sze-koo was identified as being a procuress for two reasons: (1) that she had mentioned selling Kwok Siu-lan and (2) that she did sell Kwok Siu-lan. Had Lau Sze-koo not mentioned that she had sold Kwok Siu-lan into prostitution witness would not have known of the fact.

Chan Yee-mui (18) testified that she was a "sly prostitute" and lived on the first floor of No. 16, Graham Street. The practice would be for her to be called out to boarding-houses and hotels, the whole of her earnings being handed over to her mistress. Lau Sze-koo, said witness, was a woman who also lived on the same floor, being known to her as simply "auntie". As for Kwok Siu-lan, she was another prostitute living on the floor, who gave whatever she earned to Lau Sze-koo.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, witness said her proper mistress was a certain woman named Au Yee-koo. It was this woman who received all her immoral earnings, since she first practiced prostitution in the tenth moon of last year. It was not Lau Sze-koo, but a Mrs. Chan Sam who forced her into the life. She could not say if Lau Sze-koo took all of Kwok Siu-lan's earnings.

Re-examined by Mr. Butters, witness said that when Au Yee-koo was away from the floor, it would be Lau Sze-koo who would be taking over all her own earnings. On the other hand, whatever Kwok Siu-lan earned she would always be giving it to Lau Sze-koo.

Ignorant Amah.

An amah employed on the floor at Graham Street said, when questioned as to the occupation of her mistress, said: She does needle work.

Mr. Butters: And what is the occupation of Chan Yee-mui?—She also does needle-work.

Mr. Butters: And Kwok Siu-lan's? She also does needle-work.

Any other occupation.—No other occupation that I know of.

Do any visitors come to this house to see this needle-work?—I did not notice any, as I would be working in the kitchen or washing clothes.

Are you always confined to the kitchen?—Sometimes I hang out clothes on the verandah to dry, and at other times would be chopping firewood.

Did these girls often go out?—That I don't know, as I would be cooking food or washing the dishes.

So you were only in a position to observe them doing needle-work and not in a position to observe them doing anything else?—Yes.

Mr. Butters intimated at this point that he had done with the witness.

This closed the evidence of the prosecution. Mr. Grantham having announced that he found a case against Ng Pui-chi and his wife in the first instance, Mr. Rendall (for the defence) called his male client to give evidence.

In evidence, Ng Pui-chee said he was a purchaser of material for a shoemaker's shop, styled the Ng Tong Kee, in Wellington Street.

The girl Mak Oi (whose attempted sale was the subject of one of the charges) was his adopted daughter whom he introduced into the family six or seven years ago. So also was Kwok Siu-lan, whom he adopted three or four years ago.

Questioned regarding the alleged sale of Kwok Siu-lan, he said he was away from home at the time and knew nothing of the transaction. It was not his wish that the girl should later become a prostitute.

Cross-examining, Mr. Butters asked: You say Kwok Siu-lan is your adopted daughter?—Yes.

How is it that she was not living with you?—On or about the 3rd day of the 11th moon of last year, my wife informed me that she had sent the girl to a relative's house to learn needle-work. I did not pay much attention to the matter after she had thus informed me.

Is that the way you treat your adopted daughter?—It was a woman's business.

Did you make enquiries about her afterwards?—No.

Did you ever put yourself to any expense on her account: Did you pay anything for her needle-work?—I don't know. You can ask my wife.

Have you adopted any other girls besides these three in Court?—No.

Have you ever had in your possession papers covering the sales of other girls besides these?—No.

Do you remember the 7th of this month when Sergeant McKay searched your house?—Yes.

Did you remember him finding certain documents there?—Yes. There was a deed about my niece, Ng Ho.

Witness was then shown a number of red documents, and said with regard to the first of these, that it related to his niece Ng Ho.

Mr. Butters: Is that your niece, you say?—Witness: Yes.

And this paper?—It is a deed relating to a son or boy which my wife adopted.

And this paper, describing the re-sale of a *mui-tsai*. Is that your *mui-tsai*?—No.

Why was the deed found in your possession?—That one has to do with a servant girl who attended my daughter-in-law at her wedding.

Here is another one about "presentation of our daughter to Ng Nai-bai." Is she your wife?—I don't know. You can ask my wife.

Many Accounts.

Here are papers dealing with business which were found amongst your other papers. Will you be good enough to explain what they are?—They are about some old business accounts which I compiled with my fokis.

What kind of business?—Imports and exports.

Why did you keep accounts of your old business along with deeds covering the adoption of these girls?—I gave them to my wife to keep for me.

Here is another paper covering $30,000. Will you tell us about this?—They are inner accounts.

Do you know about these amounts or does your wife know about them?—Whenever the accounts were completed, I always put them in the drawers and left them there.

What is your wife? What does she do, looking after the house for you?—Yes, she concerns herself with the housework.

Why did you allow your wife to dispose of your adopted daughter?—I seldom minded this kind of business.

What kind of business?—I meant to say that I usually go out, and seldom concerned myself with what was going on in the house.

Did you consider the disposal of your adopted daughters as part of your wife's house-work?—It is woman's business, I should call it.

I put it to you that you deal in many transactions concerning girls?—It is my wife who received those deeds.

I put it to you that those accounts covered transactions in girls as well, and that is why they were kept with those other documents?—No.

Witness's attention was at this point called to the three girls sitting in a row in the Court. Regarding the first, whom he claimed to be his niece, he said he paid $130 for her. He also paid $150 for Kwok Siu-lan and $80 for Mak Oi.

Two accounts were then shown to witness, one displaying items ranging from $50 to $100, and the other items from $100 to $300. The girl Kwok Siu-lan having been shown in evidence to have been re-sold for $300, Mr. Butters put his conclusions to witness, that the first account was for the purchase of different girls and the second, their re-sale at the higher prices. The difference would be that which was made by defendant in the nefarious business. "I put it to you that your occupation is a trafficker in girls," was Mr. Butters' final question.

Defendant denied the accusation.

After Tong Siu-lan, the wife of the man, had given evidence on her own behalf, stating that the girl Ng Ho was presented to her husband by a cousin or clansman whom he had befriended during a period of illness, the case was again adjourned until Wednesday afternoon.

TENNIS CHAMPION.

ARAGON TO GIVE LOCAL EXHIBITIONS.

Arrangements have been made, as advertised elsewhere in this issue for the holding of exhibition tennis matches between Francisco Aragon, champion of the Philippines, and Gordon Lum, and Aragon and Lum against S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn, next Tuesday and Wednesday, on the stand court at the H.K.C.C. ground.

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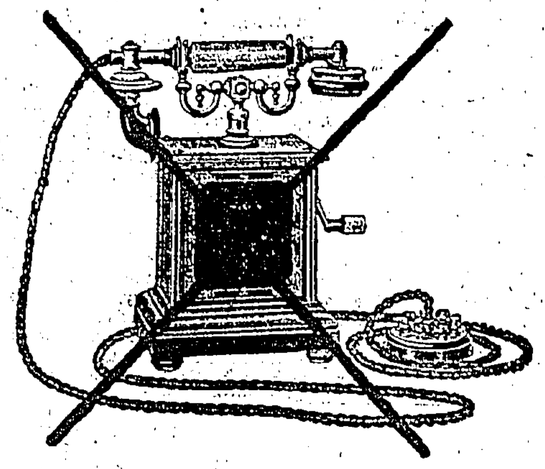

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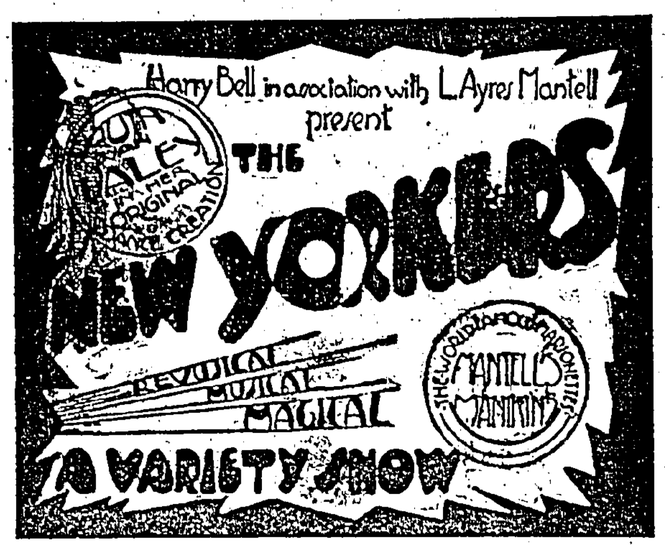

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WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

FOUNDATION STONE LAID YESTERDAY.

On a site, commanding a magnificent view, the foundation stone of the War Memorial Nursing Home, on Mount Kellett Ridge, was yesterday laid by Mrs. W. T. Southorn, a large gathering being present to witness the interesting ceremony.

The massive stone was surrounded by a raised and gaily decorated platform. Mrs. Southorn was accompanied by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn C.M.G.) and was greeted by Mr. T. H. R. Shaw. Others present included Sir Joseph Kemp, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Hon. Mr. S. W. Tso, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Dr. S. S. Strahan, Mr. E. Davidson, His Excellency Major-General J. W. Sandilands, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Bishop Valtorta, the Very Rev. Dean Swann, and Mr. J. L. McPherson.

His Excellency was greeted with a bugle salute by two members of the Somerset Light Infantry, who, after Mr. Shaw had delivered his speech, rendered the "Last Post" with the Union Jack at half mast, following this with the "Reveille," after a two minutes' silence.

Mrs. Southorn was presented with a trowel and mallet, with which she struck the foundation stone after placing newspapers and current coins under it. "To the glory of God and in memory of those who served and fell in the Great War, I declare this stone to be well and truly laid."

After Mrs. Southorn had made a short speech, she was presented with a basket of blooms by Miss Pamela Shaw, this bringing the ceremony to a conclusion.

The Cenotaph.

Mr. T. H. R. Shaw, addressing the gathering, said.—Your Excellency, Mrs. Southorn, Ladies and Gentlemen, The Committee thank you for coming here to-day to attend the laying of the foundation stone of the Hongkong War Memorial Nursing Home.

At the conclusion of peace it was felt that a suitable memorial should be erected in Hongkong to the memory of those who served and fell in the Great War.

A Committee was formed for this purpose and a subscription list opened. Various suggestions were considered as to the form this memorial should take, including schemes for a City Hall, Theatre, Library and Museum, Soldiers' and Sailors' Club, Hospital and Commemoration Arch.

In March, 1920, it was decided, as an initial step, to proceed at once with the erection of a monument. In December, 1920, a resolution was passed that this memorial take the form of a Cenotaph on the "finest site" and this was unveiled in May, 1923.

Financing the Scheme.

In 1921, Sir Paul Chater assumed the Chairmanship of the Committee and sponsored the scheme for the erection of an up-to-date Nursing Home.

As the funds in hand were insufficient for such a purpose it was proposed that additional funds should be collected and that the Committee should apply for an Order of the Court for permission for half the annual surplus income of the estate of the late Mr. Granville Sharp to be applied towards the building fund and as an endowment. This Order was confirmed in April, 1923, with provision that wards named after the late Mr. Granville Sharp and/or his wife should be set apart for free patients as determined by the Committee, with particular reference to those who saw active service in the Great War. Further funds were also specifically subscribed for the Nursing Home.

The thanks of the Committee are due to the Trustees of the late Mr. Granville Sharp's estate for the financial assistance which has rendered this scheme a practicable one and also to the Government who donated equally with the subscribers up to the first $200,000.

Ready Next Summer.

The original site granted by the Government was on Stubbs Road. It was decided that this would be inconvenient of access both for patients and visitors, also necessitating special transport facilities. Upon further consideration a Sub-Committee was formed, in conjunction with the medical profession, to investigate alternative sites and the present site on Mount Kellett ridge was decided to be the most suitable. The acquisition of the properties was completed in June, 1928, and the contract for the levelling of the site was signed in October of that year.

All arrangements are now under way, through the Architects, Messrs. Palmer & Turner, for completing the building by the early summer of next year. It will contain adults' and children's wards, a separate Isolation ward, X-Ray department and Operating Theatres. A special Sub-Committee will attend to the purchase of modern equipment, ably and voluntarily assisted by the doctors of Hongkong, and we shall have a thoroughly up-to-date building which will be a fitting memorial to those who served and fell in the Great War.

Honour and Courage.

Times have brought to a more distant perspective the events and sacrifices of those days. "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends," but those whom we commemorate to-day are greater still because they were ready to lay down their lives for their country and they were steadfast to the end.

The experiences of those times have rightly engendered a spirit of determination to settle by the ways of reason, mutual understanding and co-operation the problems out of which wars have arisen, but the faith of those who placed their country before everything else must never fade into the distance. Difficulties may at times be great, but the guiding principles upon which the foundations of the future will be built must still be to stand for the Right and to keep the lamps of Honour and Courage bright.

That is what we owe to those who made the Great Sacrifice.

Mrs. Southorn's Tribute.

Mrs. Southorn said.—It will be sixteen years on August 4th of this year since Great Britain entered the Great War. Standing here in this lovely peaceful spot, one's thoughts go back to the glorious summer day which ushered in a four years' nightmare of slaughter and sorrow. To tens of thousands of broken minds and bodies, and to tens of thousands of desolate homes, the world can never be the same again.

Out of the welter of carnage and pain that war brings in its train rises the nobility of sacrifice of those who counted the world well lost for duty.

The conscience of nations awakens slowly, but around us today we feel these consciences stirring to life and realising that such sacrifice of youth must not be demanded again—in fact that it is better for a man to live and work for his country than to kill and die for it.

Through the history of the ages "peace comes dropping slow," paid for at a fearful price.

In gratitude and love for those who laid down their lives in a war which has given birth to a passionate desire to end war, the people of Hongkong dedicate this War Memorial Hospital. Here all that modern medical skill and nursing can produce will be concentrated on the healing of the sick. In this splendid building, of which I have had the honour to lay the foundation-stone to-day, the names and spirits of those fellow citizens who died for us by land and sea and air will live for evermore.

LOCAL CONFERENCE.

FAR EASTERN METEOROLOGISTS TO MEET.

A Conference of Far Eastern Meteorologists will be held in Hongkong from April 28 to May 3.

The Conference will be opened by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, at 10.30 a.m. in the Council Chamber.

The object of the Conference is to adopt throughout the Far East a uniform code for visual and for telegraphic storm warnings, and a uniform code for the transmission of daily weather reports. Also to come to an agreement with regard to the broadcasting of synoptic weather reports by each Weather Bureau; the object being to secure the requisite number of observations for each Bureau without overlapping.

At present, ships operating in the Far East are asked for different meteorological data from the various Weather Bureaus and are asked to keep a variety of meteorological logs. They also find different systems of storm warnings in use in the various ports. This is very unsatisfactory and it is hoped that agreement on the above points will be reached.

Six delegates have accepted an invitation to attend the Conference:—The Rev. Father Froc, from Zi-ka-wei, The Rev. Father Silga, from Manila, Monsieur E. Bruzon, from Hanoi, Mr. Cochin Chu, from Nanking, Mr. Pingjan Tsiang, from Tsingtao, and Lieut.-Commander Y. C. Shen, C. N., from Pratas.

The Marine Superintendents from the Canadian Pacific Steamship Co., Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co. together with Lieut.-Commander C. E. Dodington, R.N., of H.M.S. Hermes, will attend in an advisory capacity and Lieut. A. St. J. Edwards, R.N. of H.M.S. Hermes, as French interpreter.

Delegates from Tokyo, Dairen and Chemulpo were unable to leave their posts.

GIRL GUIDES AND WOLF CUBS.

GATHERING AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

As briefly intimated yesterday, the Girl Guides and Wolf Cubs, with their Vice-Presidents were, by the kind invitation of Mrs. Southorn, entertained at Government House on the afternoon of St. George's Day.

There was also a large attendance of other members of the local Association present. The guests included Mrs. Creasy, Mrs. Carvalho, Mrs. Dyer, Lady Ho Tung, Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, Mrs. Kotewall, Mrs. Ts'o, Mrs. Hahn, Mrs. Wellington, Mrs. Hallifax, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Danby, Mrs. Ferguson, Miss Hendry, Mrs. J. H. Hunt, Mrs. T. H. King, Miss Kotewall, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Owen Hughes, Mrs. Stark, Mrs. Womack, Mrs. Grigor, Mrs. Lack, Mrs. Ng Man-chan, Miss Jaques, (District Commissioner, Hongkong), Miss Sawyer (District Commissioner, Kowloon), Mrs. Tratman, Mrs. Taggart, Mrs. Christian and Mrs. Talati.

The following Scout officials were also present: Colonel Robertson, Mr. Champkin, Lieut. Christian and Mr. Ip Choi-hing.

On their arrival at Government House, the Wolf Cubs presented Mrs. Southorn with a beautiful picture painted on deer skin. After tea, the Girl Guides assembled on the lawn in horseshoe formation and Mrs. Southorn read to them a letter of thanks from the Association at London. The letter was as follows:

"We have much pleasure in enclosing a receipt for £25.14.11 being a donation from Guiders, Guides and Brownies of Hongkong. We were delighted to receive this donation. Will you please thank everybody very much indeed for their splendid help.

"Under separate cover we are sending you one of the Chief Scout's certificates of thanks, and we know that everyone will be very proud of this tangible proof of their help in the building of the new Guide House. We have only sent you one of these certificates of thanks, but if by any chance, you would like separate ones for each Company please let us know and we shall be only too delighted to send out these extra certificates.

"We do hope that it will be possible to name some particular part of the building after every part of the Empire. The question of the allocation of the various parts is one which we are just considering, so would you please leave it to us to do the very best we can for you. We are running rather short of doors and windows, but we will name one of these after Hongkong if we possibly can. Failing doors or windows, I think we might find some other interesting part such as a cupboard or pillar.

"There will be a roll of honour in the new building on which will be inscribed all the names of those who have helped to build the new Headquarters. There will also be a plan of the building from which it will be possible for everybody to find their own particular property, and we do hope that when the Guides and Brownies come home to England they will make a point of coming to the new Guide House and seeing the Hongkong part of the building.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) MARGERY MORGAN.

Appeal Secretary.

Lord Baden Powell's certificate was handed round for all to see.

Miss Jaques then called for three hearty cheers for Mrs. Southorn and the rest of the afternoon was spent in playing games.

AN EFFORT TO "CLEAN UP" CHICAGO.

"SCARFACE" CAPONE HEADS THE BLACK LIST.

Chicago, Apr. 24.

A special Crime Commission has been established to consider the problem of "cleaning up" America's greatest criminal city.

It has drawn up a list of twenty-eight men whom it describes as "public enemies," and advises the Police to deal with them accordingly.

The list is headed by "Scarface" Al. Capone, the notorious "vice king," who is accused of directing for years past a great criminal organisation, and being guilty of every crime in the calendar from murder downwards. —*Reuter's American Service.*

LOCAL RADIO.

A STUDIO CONCERT FOR TO-NIGHT.

To-day's wireless programme, broadcast by Z.B.W. on 355 metres.

11-11.30 a.m. Commercial news.
11.30-12.30 p.m. Chinese programme.
12.30-2.00 p.m. European programme of H.M.V. and Victor records by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie's and Company:—
6.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese programme.
7.00-7.30 p.m. Lesson in Cantonese by Rev. H. R. Wells.
7.30-9.00 p.m. European programme of H.M.V. and Victor records by courtesy of Messrs. Moutrie's and Company:—

"Semiramide-Overture," (Rossini).
Victor Symphony Orchestra. Direction of Rossario Bourdon.
"Blue Yodel No. 6,"
(Jimmie Rodgers).
"Yodeling Cowboy," (Jimmie Rodgers
Elsie MacWilliams).
Jimmie Rogers. Singing with guitar.
"Prophecies," (Harry Taylon).
"I'm blase," (Harry Taylon).
Norman Long. Humorous with Piano.
"Adagio," (Mozart).
"Sarabande abd Tambourin,"
(Leclair-Sarasate).
Master Yehudi Menuhin. Violin solo with piano.
"Don Carlos-O Don Fatale
(Oh, Fatal Gift)," (Verdi).
"La Favorita-O Mio Fernando
(Oh, Dearest Ferdinand),"
(Donizetti).
Sigrid Onegin. Contralto with Orchestra.
"The Bells of St. Mary's,"
(Transcription by Archer Gibson).
"Old Irish Air,"
(Transcription by Archer Gibson).
Archer Gibson.
"Twisting the Dials,"
(B. Jones—E. Hare).
The Happiness Boys. (Billy Jones-Ernest Hare) with traps.
"Andreachenier-Un Di Allazzurro Spazio (Once o'ver the Azure Fields).
"La Fanciulla Del West-Ch'ella Mi Creda Libero (The Girl of the Golden West-Let Her believe)
(Puccini).
Armand Tokatyan. Tenor with orchestra.
"Siegfried-Forest Murmurs,"
(Wagner).
Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York. Under the direction of William Mengelber.
"Gems from 'The Love Parade',"
(Clifford Grey-Victor Schertzinger).
"Gems from 'Sunny Side Up'."
(De Sylva-Brown-Henderson).
Victor Light Opera Company.
Mixed voices with orchestra.
"The Sorcerer,"-Selection.
(Sullivan).
"Trial by Jury,"-Selection.
(Sullivan).
The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards conducted by Lieut. R. G. Evans.
"No News,"
(or 'What Killed the Dog').
"The Three Trees,"
(Tom McNaughton).
Frank Crumit. Comedian with orchestra.

9.00 p.m. Studio Concert.
1. Pianoforte Solo:
(a) Impromptu in A Flat Op. 29. (Chopin).
(b) March Grotesque (Sinding).
Mrs. J. Shand, L.R.A.M.
2. Songs:
The Nightingale and Slumber Song (Delius).
Mrs. R. Sanger, (Soprano).
3. A Splash of Sunshine.
Aileen and Doris Woods.
4. L. Jeeves (Entertainer).
5. Songs:
Softly Awake My Heart (Saint Saens).
Mrs. M. Portallion.
Interval (News Bulletin).
1. More Sunshine.
Aileen and Doris Woods.
2. Pianoforte Solos:
(a) Spring (Grieg)
(b) En Route (Palmgren).
Mrs. J. Shand, L.R.A.M.
3. Song:
O Lovely Night (Landon Ronald).
Mrs. M. Portallion.
4. L. Jeeves (Entertainer).
5. Songs:
Long, Long Ago (Hayes Bayly).
Land of Sky blue water (Cadman).
Mrs. R. Sanger.

Accompanists: Mrs. Harry Woods and Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L.

10.30 p.m. Close down.

NOTABLE WEDDING IN ITALY.

MUSSOLINI'S DAUGHTER MARRIED.

Rome, Apr. 24.

Edda, the eldest child of Signor Mussolini, aged nineteen, and Count Galeazzo Ciano, aged twenty-seven, were married to-day.

Edda has three brothers, and a baby sister born only last autumn. She is a modern girl, fond of riding and swimming, and had the best education, finishing off in an exclusive school at Florence where the former Belgian Princess of Piedmont was a scholar. She has travelled much in Europe, Africa, Asia Minor and India.

The bridegroom was once a journalist, and is now in the diplomatic service. He derives the title of Count from the fact that his father was elevated to the peerage by King Victor Emmanuel at Mussolini's request.

The Cianos have large shipping interests, and are reputed to be comfortably off.

The Sovereigns gave the couple presents, the Queen's being a diamond bracelet. The comp
at the marriage ceremony inclu
the Cabinet Governor, some of
Parliamentary Presidents,
leading diplomats. A big re
tion was held at Mussolini's v
after the simple religious c
mony.—*Reuter.*

THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 17/30.—Hongkong Volunt
Defence Corps Orders by Lieu
Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Hongkong, Thurs., Apr. 24

Publication of Orders.

With effect from 3rd May, 1930
until further notice, Corps Orders
appear in the Press on Saturday
each week.

Parades and Notices for the follo
ing week will be submitted to
Adjutant by 12 Noon on Thursday

Range Allotment.

Ranges are allotted as follows
Friday, 25th April Kennedy R
and Miniature to Portuguese C
pany.
Thursday, 1st May Kennedy R
to The Battery.
Friday, 2nd May Kennedy Road
Armoured Car Company.

Addresses.

The addresses of some members
the Corps have not yet been recei
Will all members who have not
done so, please notify the Adju
without further delay.

Corps Band.

There will be a full Band Prac
at 5.30 p.m. in mufti at Headquar
on Tuesday, 29th April.

Battery.

The Battery will parade at
p.m. at Headquarters on Friday, A
25, for Lewis Gun Instruction.

Corps Signals.

Signal class will parade at C
Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Th
day, 1st May.

Machine Gun Troop.

Saturday, 26th April Dowbig
Trophy—Parade as per circ
issued.
Thursday, 1st May Riding Sch
Parade at 5.30 p.m. at Cause
Bay riding school.

Armoured Car Company.

Motor Cycle Section and Armo
Car Section will parade at Volun
Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Fri
25th April, 1930 for Machine
Instruction.

Machine Gun Company.

There will be no further par
until further notice.
Musketry. All ranks who have
yet fired Part II for the co
training season will have the
opportunity of doing so at the
Range on Sunday, 4th May at 9
sharp.
Dress:—Mufti or uniform optio
but equipment must be worn. Pla
Commanders will warn all those
have yet to fire this course. Ra
Officer:—2/Lieut. D. L. Strellett.

Scottish Company.

Parades Thursday, 1st May,
for Machine Gun Instruction.
No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon
under Lieut. G. Duncan, M.B.E.
No. 7 Platoon at Headquarters
p.m. under Captain H. R. Forsyt

Portuguese Company.

Parades. The Company will pa
on Friday, May 2, 1930 as under:
Recruits at Headquarters for L
Gun Training.
Nos. 9 and 10 Platoons at Minia
Range for Musketry.
Nos. 11 and 12 Platoons at Kenn
Road Range for firing (Rifle).
Part I Musketry. All those
have not yet fired Part I will
at Stonecutters Range on Sun
April 27. This is the last opportun
The launch will leave Queen's P
Hongkong, at 8 a.m. calling at K
loon Police Pier at 8.15 a.m.
Dress:—Optional, but Rifles, B
onets, Belt and pouches must
taken.
Range Officer:—Lieut. J. S. B
rigues.
Rifles and Bayonets. After S
day, April 27, all Rifles and Bayo
will be returned to Corps Stores
clean condition.

Promotion.

No. 1094 Sergt. A. Urquhart,
2 Platoon, to be C.Q.M.S., as f
date.

Transfer and Posting.

No. 1515 Sigm. C. E. Moore
transferred from Corps Signals
Machine Gun Company and is po
to No. 1 Platoon, as from date.

Struck off the Strength.

Having completed 3 years' Serv
No. 642 Gr. D. E. Sherman,
tery, as from 7.4.30.
Having left the Colony.
No. 522 Gr. J. S. Beach, Battery
from date.

Leave.

No. 965 L/Cpl. A. A. Dand, L
Section Cadre, from 22.4.30 to 22.
No. 786 Gr. G. D. Mead, Batt
from 26.4.30 to 26.4.31.
No. 785 Gr. M. D. Scott, Batt
from 2.6.30 to 2.6.31.

R. C. STRACHEY, CAPTAIN
Acting Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Co

Murder Backstairs

By ANNE AUSTIN
AUTHOR OF "THE MYSTERIOUS PARROT," "THE BLACK PIGEON," ETC.

CHAPTER XXVII

"Oh, there you are, Crosby!" Captain Strawn greeted the man absently, without raising his eyes from the cablegram he and Dundee were concocting at the dead girl's table. "Have a seat, won't you? Be with you in a minute. . . . .Now, how's this, Dundee? Does it cover the essentials?"

Dundee accepted the scribbled message, and to his chief's consternation began to read aloud, his eyes not so absorbed, however, that they missed a single change of expression on Seymour Crosby's face:

"Sir Edward Moresby, Scotland Yard, London. Doris Matthews, sister of Kathryn Matthews, murdered last night on Berkeley estate here. Please cable any information from Kathryn regarding confidences made her by Doris concerning Crosby case. Seymour Crosby guest here, engaged to Clorinda Berkeley. (Signed) James F. Dundee, Police Department."

His eyes still on Crosby's face, Dundee returned the sheet to Strawn. "O.K., sir. We ought to have an answer by to-morrow morning."

If he had expected Seymour Crosby to betray himself by word or action, he was disappointed, for the man gave no sign, beyond a deepening pallor of his already pale and drawn face. Crosby had ignored Strawn's invitation to be seated. His tall, slim body very erect, his hands clasped behind his back, he stood near the door, awaiting the inquisition with admirable control.

"Well, Mr. Crosby!" Strawn shifted in his chair, to face his man, crossed his legs leisurely, filled a reeking old pipe and got it going with nerve-shattering deliberation. "So you called Doris's bluff, did you? Or maybe you didn't think it was a bluff?"

Out of the sudden, intense silence came the sound of knuckles cracking before Seymour Crosby answered: "Sorry, but I'm afraid I don't know what you mean!"

"Got sort of fed up, trying to meet her blackmailing demands, eh?" Strawn went on, grinning and raising his eyebrows.

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That had its effect. Livid anger painted and distorted Crosby's handsome face. "You can call me any names you like, Strawn, but I can't permit you to label Doris Matthews a blackmailer! I have never known a finer, straighter, more loyal—"

"That so?" Strawn cut in lazily, still grinning broadly. "Well, well! Then what would you call these, Crosby?" and he picked up the pair of sapphire earrings and rattled them on his broad palm.

"Those are earrings," Crosby began icily. "I made Doris a present of them last night."

"Friday seemed to be an early Christmas for you, eh? A fine cut crystal flask of perfume for your future mother-in-law and a pair of expensive earrings for your future mother-in-law's maid. What did you bring your fiancee, Miss Clorinda Berkeley?"

"That at least is my own affair, I believe!" Crosby retorted angrily. "As for the earrings, they were one of the last gifts I made to—my wife. I gave them to Doris last night because—"

"Because you were damned short of money, hadn't got your fingers into the Berkeley pile yet, and you thought they'd hold Doris till—"

"No!" Crosby interrupted, his head upflung, his aristocratic nostrils flaring. "If you will kindly permit me, I shall tell you the truth concerning the earrings. I might add that I shall tell you the exact truth concerning any questions you ask me, provided you have any right or authority to ask me the question."

Strawn's bushy eyebrows shot still higher. "Yeah? . . . Well, shoot!"

"My wife, who, as you doubtless know, is dead," Crosby began in his icy, well-controlled voice, "was a brunette. Her favourite stone was the ruby, which became her—enormously. I myself have a weakness for sapphires, and when I saw this pair of earrings in a London jewellers, I could not resist them. Phyllis—my wife—admired them and thanked me for them, but as soon as she put them on I saw that I had made a mistake.

"Doris, who was her maid then, was present at the time, and Phyllis took them off and laid them against her maid's cheeks. The effect was—enchanting, as the stones were almost exactly the colour of Doris's eyes. I am sure Phyllis would have presented them to the girl then and there, if she had not been afraid of hurting my feelings. She did, however, laughingly remark that she would leave them to Doris in—in her will."

His voice broke here, and trembled slightly as it went on: "She—died suddenly, as you know, and without having made a will—"

"Which she would have done, if she had really contemplated suicide!" Strawn interrupted, with slow and terrible emphasis.

"I do not believe that my wife 'contemplated' suicide," Crosby retorted, very quietly. "I believed then, and I still believe, that she became suddenly deranged, a not uncommon symptom of her—condition."

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"Let me remind you, Captain Strawn, that a coroner's jury in London returned a verdict of 'suicide while temporarily insane' as the cause of my wife's death."

"A verdict which, you probably know, Crosby, failed to satisfy your wife's relatives and friends, and even some of your own friends!" Strawn pointed out sternly. "A verdict which you owed to the testimony of a maid in your own employ—to Doris Matthews, in fact!"

"Testimony which was absolutely true and accurate in every detail!" Crosby retorted coldly.

"And now Doris Matthews, the only eye-witness to your wife's 'suicide,' lies in the morgue, foully murdered within eight hours of Seymour Crosby's arrival at Hillcrest to celebrate his engagement to another rich girl!" Strawn pointed out, emphasizing each significant word with the tapping of his pipe bowl upon his palm. "Surely, Mr. Crosby, you did not expect the police department of Hamilton to overlook the obvious connexion between those two facts?"

Crosby made no answer.

"And what would you say, Mr. Seymour Crosby, if I told you that the Hamilton homicide squad did not wait until you murdered Doris Matthews to take a vital interest in 'The Crosby Case,' as the newspapers called it 16 months ago?"

"I did not murder Doris Matthews," Crosby answered steadily.

"Yeah, we pricked up our ears when we heard who Clorinda Berkeley was going to marry," Captain Strawn went on, in the genial voice he could so suddenly assume. "You see, Crosby, Hamilton thinks a lot of its citizens, likes to protect 'em from fortune-hunters and wife-killers. So we sent Mr. Dundee, who happened to be one of the many not entirely soothed and satisfied by the coroner's verdict of suicide, to have a look at Phyllis Crosby's widower, who was consoling himself with another rich girl—"

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Crosby interrupted with a sharp exclamation, then turned his blazing eyes upon Dundee, whose face was red with embarrassment.

"I am to gather then, Mr. Dundee, that it was your interference with Mr. Berkeley which resulted in Miss Berkeley's breaking the engagement this morning!" he said contemptuously.

"No Mr. Crosby. I have not spoken one word privately with Mr. Berkeley," Dundee answered. "Until this morning I had not the slightest reason for discussing you with your future father-in-law. I came here partly out of curiosity, partly, as Captain Strawn has said, because I believed that the whole truth regarding your wife's death had not come to light. I wanted merely to study your face and your manner, to make up my own mind—"

"And did you conclude, sir, that I was a murderer?" Crosby asked icily.

"I came to the conclusion, Mr. Crosby, that you were a gentleman," Dundee answered quietly.

Crosby's "Thank you!" was genuine gratitude, not irony.

"The crime of murder is not confined to thugs and roughnecks, Crosby," Strawn reminded his victim genially. "Yes, sir, we were so interested in your visit to the home of Hamilton's richest citizen that we took the trouble to look up the famous Crosby case in our local newspaper files. Hamilton didn't give you quite as big a play as New York and London, but you weren't exactly slighted, you'll be glad to hear. . . . Now, Crosby, suppose you tell me exactly what happened on the night of Sunday, May 6, 1928, at your apartment hotel in London."

Crosby's nostrils flared. "I shall have to refuse. The subject is a painful one to me, and it has been thoroughly threshed out before the coroner's jury and in the newspapers."

Strawn reached across the table and picked up the little sheaf of newspaper clippings. "Looks like I'll have to do most of the talking for a while then. I've just been looking over these clippings on the case, and it's pretty fresh in my mind."

"Please!" Crosby protested. "That old story has nothing to do with Doris—"

"No? Why, her name's in headlines," Strawn pretended to misunderstand. "Listen to this: 'MAID CLEARS SOCIETY SCION IN SUICIDE OF WIFE.' . . . Well, Crosby, I'll run over the story, and—correct me if I am wrong!

"In October, 1927, you were married in New York City to Miss Phyllis Benham, daughter of a new-rich manufacturer, Cullen Benham. You had known her only a few weeks, having met her in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Renssalaer Lambert. Mrs. Lambert had taken the girl up quite suddenly and was acting as her social sponsor, until Mr. Lambert's sudden death, due to a polo accident, in September.

"After a honeymoon in Canada, you and your wife returned to New York, recruited the Lamberts' former butler, Wickett, to head your future staff of servants, took Wickett and your wife's maid, Doris Matthews, with you to London, where you occupied a large apartment in Queen's Hall, a new and fashionable apartment hotel. Apparently, you and your new wife were ideally happy—"

"Not apparently—actually! In every sense of the word, my wife and I were ideally happy!" Seymour Crosby corrected the detective.

"Yeah?" Strawn grinned. "So ideally happy that, according to your own story, Phyllis Crosby committed suicide while still a bride—but according to my belief, supported by Doris Matthews herself, you and your wife were so 'ideally happy' that you murdered her!"

"That's a lie!" Crosby cried out passionately. "Doris is dead. She cannot tell you herself that you lie, but I can, and do!"

"Yeah?" Strawn said again. "Look at this!" and he picked up the scattered sheets of Doris's letter to her sister.

(To be Continued.

THIS SOFTER AGE.

FISHERMEN'S SONS NOT "CHIPS OFF OLD BLOCK"?

That this is a "softer age" is one of the reasons put forward by the Kent and Essex Sea Fisheries Committee for the decline in inshore fishing.

"The son of the old fisherman does not as a matter of course follow his father's occupation," says the annual report. "He is still fond of the sea, but rather than toil on it day and night he prefers, and very much to his pecuniary benefit, to run a motor pleasure boat in the summer and do casual fishing from it in the winter."

One of the fishery officers at Maldon, in his report, says: "The fishermen here will do anything rather than catch fish."

The committee are not pessimistic, however, being hopeful "that circumstances will change and that new methods will be discovered by which a pleasant occupation and a fair living may be obtained from inshore fishing."

MAYOR SHUTS DOWN CUPID BUREAU.

SHOWER OF LETTERS ON SOUTHEND.

The Matrimonial Bureau of Southend-on-Sea is closed.

It opened when the Mayor, Councillor H. W. Richardson, published a letter from Jack Sinclair, of Halifax, asking to be put in touch with a lady who would find him work with a view to matrimony.

Hundreds of women replied. Then the position became complicated by applications from unemployed men all over the country who wished to settle down in similar conditions.

Looking over about 150 more letters which had just arrived, the mayor said.—

"This business is getting beyond us. It has really got to stop. I never realised there were so many people in the world wishing to get married. Nor up till now have I realised the power of the Press.

"Some of these letters are tragic.

"Letters arrived from, among other places, the Isle of Man, King's Lynn, Stevenston, Ayrshire and Portsmouth. They are overwhelming. I have finished with this Cupid business."

An official told me that a bonfire would be made of the hundreds of marriage offers received.

Typical Letters.

Included in one budget was an appeal from Enfield, Middlesex, which read:—

I am writing on behalf of my father, who wants a God-fearing woman to take over the responsibilities of our family. My father, who will be able to do any class of work, has been praying to God every night for a new partner.

A Maidstone man complained that he had lost his landlady a few weeks ago, and added:—

I have been with her 26 years, ever since I left the South African war. Now I have to do my own housekeeping. But please understand that I don't want to jump from the frying-pan into the fire.

There is little romance about the Glasgow aspirant who states:

"I would like to get fixed up, because I am already £21 in debt."

A number of out-of-work miners in the Rhondda Valley are also among to-day's batch of men who would get married for a job.

AMERICAN STOCKS.

CABLED QUOTATIONS FROM NEW YORK.

The following quotations have been received from their correspondents Messrs. Hayden, Stone and Co., of New York, by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, Sassoon House Shanghai, (cable address: "Swanstock," Shanghai), who are not responsible for cable mutilations.

New York, Apr. 24.

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THE NEW YORKERS.

COMING TO THE STAR THEATRE.

Theatre-goers of Hongkong and Kowloon will welcome the news of the return visit of The New Yorkers, the American vaudeville company who were formerly known as the Ruth Van Valey Company.

This company, who on their previous visit at the Star created such a very favourable impression, have just completed their tour of India, Straits Settlements, Burma and Ceylon, where they met with instant success. They are now homeward bound, and their visit will be a brief one, opening at the Star Theatre Kowloon on Monday, April 28th, for three performances only. Something new and entirely different will be offered.

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The entertainment opened with a piano selection by Mr. W. R. Fleming, following which a well-balanced quartette of vocalists (Mrs. O. C. Womack, Mrs. K. V. B. Benfield, Mr. H. Anniss and Lt. A. H. Musson) entertained with a contribution entitled "Nightfall in Hyderabad," incidentally introducing an appropriate atmosphere for an Oriental Dance, executed most charmingly by the Misses Helen and Stella Ho.

Songs by Mrs. Benfield and Mrs. Womack were enthusiastically received, encores being given. Another popular vocalist was Mr. Hubert Anniss, who gave considerable pleasure with well-chosen pieces.

Mr. John Braga, who was accompanied by his sister, Miss Braga, on the piano, contributed a number of excellent violin selections; while further variety was add d by Mr. W. A. Hannibal, who recited some amusing anecdotes.

A Jazz Ballet by six of Miss Capell's clever pupils was warmly received, and, with Miss Capell, who appeared in a solo Tap Dance, came in for a just share of applause. They were the recipients of bouquets handed up by the Committee.

Mrs. A. R. H. Phillips and Miss E. Remedios were at the piano in addition to Miss Braga.

Mr. Anstey's Address.

Before an interval in the programme, the Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey, on behalf of the Committee thanked Mr. Southorn, Mrs. Southorn, General Sandilands, and Rear-Admiral Hill for their distinguished presence, stating that the Committee realised their sympathy with the interests of the Home and with the work done there. The Committee also thanked those who contributed to the evening's entertainment and also the others who had helped that evening. It was not a very big attendance present, but he was assured that many had not come after buying tickets; and he was confident, therefore, that the amount which they had originally hoped for would be received.

Referring to the H.M.S. Sepoy disaster, the speaker said that their whole-hearted sympathy was with the relatives of those who had lost their lives, and besides the interests of the Home the Committee felt that something should be done in that sad event. Some of these men had spent their last night ashore in the Home. It was likely that more than half of the proceeds from the evening's entertainment would be sent to the Fund.

Continuing, Mr. Knight Anstey said he was glad to announce that the Home since its foundation on that site had been well-patronised, and he gave figures showing the growing demand for the facilities which the Home has to offer for Service men. He invited those present to sample the cooking—a great factor accounting for the popularity of the institution—which the restaurant had to offer during the interval in the entertainment. (Applause).

THE LEGION BOOK.

AN APPEAL TO PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE.

Government House, Hongkong,
22nd April, 1930.

Dear Sir,—

The following letter, addressed to His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., has been forwarded to me.

St. James's Palace, S.W.
31st January, 1930.

"Dear Sir Cecil,—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Patron of the British Legion, takes a very deep interest in its work, and in order to augment its funds, and with the help of a number of authors and artists, who, at his invitation, contributed original material, a book has been produced, of which I send you a copy. In addition, H.M. the King has sponsored it, as you will see from the enclosed prospectus. The book itself has been acclaimed by the Press throughout the Empire—the London *Times* giving it a special leading article.

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W. T. SOUTHORN.

WORLD UPRISING PLANNED.

THIRD INTERNATIONAL AT WORK.

Riga, Apr. 24.

According to documents possessed by Communist agents arrested here, the Third International has drawn up plans for a five years' campaign leading to a world revolution.

It is gathered that emissaries have been despatched all over the world with instructions in the matter.

Those arrested include four agents of the Third International with forged passports, and are apparently persons of some importance, because their papers gave them absolutely full powers over all local organisations.—*Reuter.*

TOKYO STRIKE ENDING.

HALF THE MEN ALREADY BACK AT WORK.

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POSSIBLE INCREASE IN TAXES.

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The extra duty required of Mr. Badan Singh was not of sufficient magnitude to call for any bonus.

OBSERVATIONS.

Enclosure No. 2, being the Hongkong Government's recommendations and observations on the Report (made in the light of representations) sets forth numerous observations with regard to the pay of various posts. We select the following extracts as being of general interest:

New Year Bonus.—The Government is prepared to accept the Commissioners' suggestion for the institution of a system of New Year bonuses to Chinese employees in the lowest categories which may most conveniently be described by the term "Labour." It is realized that such a step may have very far-reaching effects in the cost of such services to other employers, including the Military and Naval Authorities of the Colony. But some large "foreign" employers already have such a system in working, it is usual in domestic service and in some form or other among Chinese employers. At the same time it is not considered practicable to fix arbitrarily a limit of wage above which no bonus shall be receivable and it is therefore proposed that a careful survey shall be made of all Chinese "Labour" in the employment of the Government, category by category, and a decision taken on the merits of each. It should be observed that owing to the action of the Chinese Government, the use of the lunar calendar among Chinese may perhaps disappear and that, in such an event the bonus will become payable in December instead of January or February. For the first year therefore in which the change takes effect, it may be necessary to budget for two bonuses.

A Difficulty.

In applying the new scales to existing staff it has, with a few exceptions, been assumed that the officer carries with him into the new scale the service in his post, class or grade which he actually has and indeed it is only reasonable that, if a certain time and salary scale is found appropriate to a certain post, class or grade, an existing officer should enter that scale at the point corresponding to his service.

There is, moreover, an insuperable difficulty in allotting to existing staff on sterling salaries the nearest figure in the new scales to their existing emoluments in that the effect of fluctuations of exchange on present and revised emoluments is widely divergent. Thus, when the sterling value of the dollar is 2/- £1,000 nominal salary on the present sliding scale with temporary allowance amounts to £1,344 actual salary. On the basis of the Report the equivalent salary of £1,150 with 15% High Cost of Living Allowance would amount to £1,322.10.0. But with the dollar at 1/10d. the former figure drops to £1,276, while the latter remains constant, and a slight loss is converted into a substantial gain. Similar divergence occurs when the value of the dollar rises above 2/-. £1,000 nominal then becomes on the existing system £1,404, while £1,150 and 15% becomes £1,433, since under the new system the exchange rate for conversion purposes is not to rise above 2/-. This difficulty does not, of course, arise with dollar salaries, but it is clear that the system of application must be uniform throughout the Service.

Dollar Salaries.

Attention is invited to the statement in paragraph 14 of the Report that, in order to counterbalance the increase in the cost of living, a rise of 20% in dollar salaries is called for. This pronouncement further strengthens the contention that the present salaries of the local employees of Government are inadequate.

Pensions.

It is considered that the revised salaries should count in full for pension, i.e., that the pensionable salary of an officer who at the date of revision has been three years in a given post, grade or class (or one with the same salary scale) should be his revised salary and not the average of his revised and old salaries. Similarly, where the last three years of service have been in posts with different salary scales, the average to be struck should be that of the revised salaries of both posts and the same rule should apply where the earlier post was formerly on the same scale as the latter but under the revision is on a different scale.

The first part of the rule proposed above requires no argument. For apart from the fact that any other application of the new scheme would delay for three years the full effect of one of its main objects, the rule requiring emoluments to be averaged for present purposes operates only when there has been some change of office which is not the case here. The other proposals are natural corollaries of the main proposition.

Eleven and a Half Millions.

Enclosure No. 4 gave the comparative tables of personal emoluments (estimated) payable under the existing regulations and under the Salaries Commission recommendations at exchange rates of 1/10d., 1/9d., and 1/6d. respectively. It is shown that at exchange of 1/6d., personal emoluments will under the proposed scheme amount to $11,472,554.

Secretary of State's Telegram.

The following is the telegram received on March 25th., from the Secretary of State for the Colonies:

I approve your proceeding as proposed in paragraph 12, but I am bound to say that the recommendations for sterling salaries appear to me generous: in particular I am surprised to learn that in Hongkong the cost of living is higher now than in 1920. The committee gives no evidence of this—and steps should be taken in the course of the year to compare carefully the comparative cost in 1920 and 1929, with a view, if figures warrant it, of withdrawing or diminishing the Cost of Living Allowance. I regret I can see no grounds under existing arrangements for proposing that additional revenue should be relieved from assessment for Defence Contribution. Regarding the salaries of Audit and Marine Survey staffs I shall address you later, but in the meantime you should proceed on the basis of the revised salaries scheme in their cases. Gratuities recommended in paragraph 13 approved. Pending the introduction of revised salaries, I agree to the proposals in your telegram of 14th March that the exchange compensation scale should be extended down to exchange one shilling and sixpence. Despatch follows.

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RECONCILIATION.

DOMESTIC DIFFERENCES OF PORTUGUESE COUPLE.

After several hearings a settlement has been arrived at between Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Soares who have been airing their domestic difficulties before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy for some time, the wife claiming maintenance from the husband.

Mr. J. T. Prior appeared for Mrs. Soares while Mr. Leo d'Almada represented the defendant.

When the hearing was resumed yesterday afternoon, Mr. Prior said that he was glad to say that the parties had at last come to a reconciliation. The husband had agreed that as soon as possible he would arrange that his sister should live in another house. A letter written by Mr. d'Almada satisfied Mrs. Soares of the defendant's intentions.

There was only one small matter which remained to be mentioned, continued Mr. Prior, and that was in regard to a notice which the defendant had published in the newspapers disclaiming responsibility for his wife's debts. Mr. d'Almada agreed that the effect of that notice would be void from the day that the parties commenced to live together again.

Mr. Prior asked that the summons be adjourned *sine die* and when the parties came together again the Court would be notified and the summons withdrawn.

Mr. d'Almada agreed with what Mr. Prior had said.

His Worship said he was very glad indeed to hear that the matter had been settled or at least a settlement was in sight. He considered that it would have been a sad misfortune if the two parties had remained apart just on account of a series of rather trivial quarrels. Furthermore they had got the interest of the child to think of, and his Worship thought they would be wanting in their duty to the child if they remained apart. That was only one of the considerations, but it was a very serious consideration. There was no doubt the child would need them and would help them to be happy.

The summons was accordingly adjourned *sine die*.

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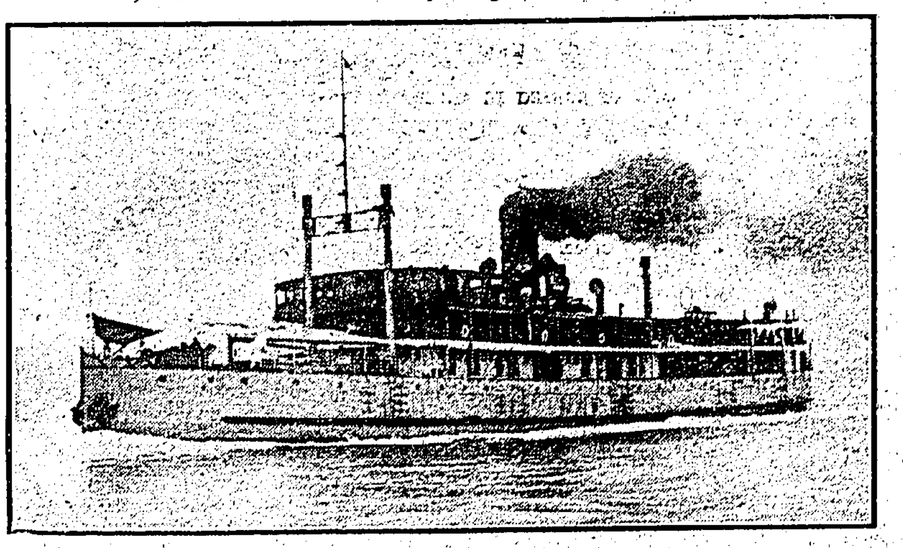

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ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT AT HOME.

MR. CLYNES EXPLAINS.

London, Apr. 24.

Sweepstakes on the Derby are this year on a much restricted scale, as a result of the statement recently made by Mr. J. R. Clynes, Home Secretary, setting forth the Goverment's views on the subjects.—*British Wireless.*

The statement referred to was made by Mr. Clynes in the House of Commons on March 20th, when Mr. Dukes asked whether the Home Secretary would take steps to prevent the sale in England of tickets for the Calcutta sweepstake unless the promoters followed the example of the promoters of the Stock Exchange sweepstake.

Mr. Clynes replied:—I understand that henceforth the Stock Exchange sweep will be a purely private affair strictly confined to members of a single and localised organisation, namely, of the Stock Exchange. If it be so conducted and nothing occurs, such as the sale or transfer to non-members of tickets or shares in tickets, to show that the sweep or draw is other than a private one, I for my part shall not move to initiate action.

Anyone, of course, can take proceedings, and all questions of law are for the Courts; but I will let the police know my view, and I have no reason to think they will take and act upon any other view. But if any sweep or draw, large or small, is so conducted as not to be of a private character, the authorities will have no option but to take whatever action is possible in the circumstances of the particular case.

So far as administrative action by me is concerned, this broad distinction, private or not private, is the test for all sweeps or draws, wherever carried on, and for whatever objects. I am glad to have had the opportunity of making this statement, which ought to dispose once for all of the suggestion that in this matter there is one law for the rich and another for the poor.

SILVER SLUMP EFFECTS.

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surprising that exchange operations result in profits which are comparatively insignificant. Business both for the merchant and the banker has also been difficult owing to the extraordinary decline in prices of all commodities forming the staple exports from Eastern ports. As a result the sterling value of bills offering in those markets is considerably below the normal, and in some cases funds which had been laid down for the financing of the export trade have not been fully required.

Dealers Cautious.

It is only natural that with prices constantly on the down grade dealers in commodities are careful to avoid laying down stocks, whether it be in the East or in the Western markets. The converse to this is also true, namely, that producers of Eastern commodities securing less for their crops are unable to buy the normal quantity of foreign goods. In order words the purchasing power of the millions of consumers in the East of Manchester goods or manufactured British goods is correspondingly reduced.

Silver Slump.

Dealing with the silver slump, Sir Montagu Turner said:—The causes of this gradual decline are, amongst others, the establishment of gold standards in various countries and the increased use of notes in place of coins for daily purposes; also cheaper cost of production consequent on the fact that in man cases in America silver is a by-product of ore-producing mines (copper and lead). Of the total world's production of silver (240 millions oz.) no less than 73 p.c. comes from N. America. Thirdly, we have various countries such as India, France, Belgium and Great Britain selling demonetized coins, or surplus coinage. Finally, we have an import duty of 4 annas per oz. revived in India. The effect on silver-using countries such as China has been disastrous to the import trade, and holders of stocks may suffer severely.

Both in Hongkong and in Shanghai the gradual decline in the price of silver, culminating in the recent slump when silver has been quoted at 18⅝d. per oz., while favourable for exports as a temporary measure, tells badly against imports of foreign goods, especially British piece goods and general merchandise. The import of British goods, or, indeed, of foreign goods generally, has also suffered in N. China from increased maritime and inland taxation.

In China we again note the penetration of Japanese imports, and this applies to Hongkong as well as to China.

RIVAL AIRSHIPS TOGETHER.

MISHAP TO R100 WILL NOT DELAY FLIGHT.

ZEPPELIN'S TOUR.

London, Apr. 24.

Anglo-German air rivalry will be visibly evident at Cardington on Saturday when the Graf Zeppelin will arrive there in the course of its European tour.

The Zeppelin's commander, Dr. Hugo Eckener, is already in London and he was received to-day by His Royal Highness the Duke of York who was most interested in Dr. Eckener's account of his recent world voyage in the Graf Zeppelin and in his schemes for another cruise in May.

The Duke's Comptroller, Rear-Admiral B. V. Brooke, may go to Germany aboard the Graf Zeppelin when the latter reaches England.

Meanwhile the R100, the Graf Zeppelin's rival, is preparing for her voyage to Canada in May. She was transferred from her shed at Cardington to the mooring tower this afternoon.

Conditions were good and the landing party started to move out the airship, but before she was wholly clear of the shed a strong cross wind sprang up which caused the outside edge of the starboard elevator to scrape against the edge of the shed.

An examination showed that the damage was slight, but the airship will be lowered again for mechanics to carry out repairs as quickly as possible.

It is officially stated that there is no reason to think that the plans for the flight to Canada next month will be interrupted by the mishap.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

DIOCESAN OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD LAST EVENING.

The fourth annual general meeting of the Diocesan Old Girls' Association was held last evening in the Diocesan Girls' School. There was a good attendance of members.

Miss M. Kacker, the Vice-President of the Association, presided and in addressing the meeting thanked the members of the Committee for their work during the past year.

The annual report was then read by Miss P. J. Anderson, the Hon. Secretary, who, in the capacity of Acting Hon. Treasurer, was also called upon to read the financial report, which shows a credit balance of $1,393.82 at the end of the financial year.

These reports were put to the meeting and passed unanimously.

During the year the Association held bathing picnics and social functions which were largely attended. There was a profit of $203.90 in the year's working.

The meeting proceeded to elect officials of the Association for the next financial year. The following ladies were elected:—President, Miss W. Robinson; Vice-President, Miss M. Kacker; Hon. Vice-President, Miss H. D. Sawyer; Hon. Secretary, Miss J. J. Anderson; Hon. Treasurer, Miss M. Grose; General Committee, Mrs. W. L. Ramsay, and the Misses E. Allen, O. Barretto, B. Chan, K. Grose, K. Gourdine, V. Shea and A. Wood.

CAPTAIN HEAVILY FINED.

FALSE INFORMATION TO THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Another case of over-loading came up at the Marine Court this morning when Capt. C. Kitano, master of the s.s. Taikai Maru, was summoned before the Hon. Commdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., on two charges, (a) for overloading his vessel at 3.40 p.m. on April 23 at Yaumati Bay and (b) for giving false particulars to the Harbour Office.

Defendant pleaded guilty to both charges.

Mr. D. G. Cairns, of the Harbour Office, who prosecuted, informed his Worship that the Taikai Maru was overloaded when she arrived in harbour on April 23. He saw her entering the harbour at about 2.30 p.m. on that day and he examined her load-line at 3.10 p.m. She was then three and a half inches overloaded.

Continuing, Mr. Cairns said that the particulars given by the defendant to the Harbour Office differed by five and a half inches to the measurements he had himself made on the Taikai Maru immediately after her arrival in port.

Terming it as a very serious offence, his Worship imposed a fine of $250 on the first charge and $25 on the second.

MANILA INDIANS ORGANISING.

FORCE AND "RED" ACTIVITY ARE TABOOED.

NATIONALIST FLAG.

Manila, Apr. 21.

Indian residents of Manila met at 572 Echague Street yesterday morning to lay the foundation for the organization of a permanent branch in Manila of the Indian National Congress and to discuss their attitude towards the present nationalist movement in India.

It was resolved among other things to forbid any connexion with Communistic organizations or to resort to any methods other than peaceful in the rendering of aid and support to the nationalist movements in the mother country or elsewhere.

The meeting took a definite stand against demonstrations of any kind by Indian residents and that they will observe an attitude of watchful waiting relative to developments in India.

One of the leaders of the movement here said yesterday that defiant or hostile demonstrations against the British have no place in the Philippines and will in no way aid the Indian nationalist cause.

One of the principal understandings reached was to incorporate with the insular government a permanent Indian organization in the Philippines through which the residents may consolidate their united efforts for the nationalist cause.

The collection of contributions for the support of the movement here or in India if ever any collection is to be made will be only incidental in the activities of the proposed organization and not its principal aim.

Nothing was said in the meeting yesterday about financial aid except for the members present to accept for the members present to indicate they would be ready to contribute to the best of their financial ability in case a call for funds is launched or authorized by the local organization.

Another important agreement yesterday was the use of the Indian nationalist flag. It was agree to hoist it at a headquarters which the Indian society will secure.

Yesterday's meeting was attended by a majority of the Manila residents of whom there are estimated to be about 300. Much interest was evinced by those present. Another meeting is scheduled for next Sunday to continue discussions regarding plans for the organization.

SHOOTING AFFAIR RECALLED.

SECOND ARREST MADE IN KOWLOON.

A shooting incident which took place in May last year is recalled by the arrest of a Chinese who is alleged to have been concerned in the affair at King's Park when an attempt was made by footpads to rob a Sanitary Department coolie who was passing over the hills to his quarters in Hunghom.

The coolie, who, with several others, was returning from work on May 17, 1929, was stopped by two men near the railway bridge in King's Park. The coolie gave the alarm and was shot by one of the men who subsequently escaped. An arrest was later made and on the offence being proved against him he was given a term of five years' imprisonment on his appearance at the Criminal Sessions.

The second arrest was made during the past few days and the man was produced before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of wounding the coolie with intent to rob.

On the application of Detective Inspector Fallon, the defendant was remanded until to-morrow in police custody.

ATTACKED WITH A CHOPPER.

SHOPMASTER'S ASSAILANT ESCAPES.

A brutal attack with a chopper was made on Lai Fau, master of the Tung Cheong firewood shop, at 10, Tsung Sau Street, in the early hours of this morning.

He states that about 2.30 a.m. he was awakened from sleep by blows on his head and body from an unknown assailant, who, after the injured shop keeper had called out for assistance, ran away. Several shop fokis followed but they failed to catch the man. Lai Fau was later taken to hospital to receive treatment to wounds to the head and thigh.

The Police report that they are looking for a man named Lau Yat-shung, who is known in the Tak Hing district. He speaks Punti.

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